

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Grants Subcommittee will be held on:

Date: Friday 26 June 2026
Time: 9:00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, the Octagon, Dunedin

Sandy Graham
Chief Executive Officer

Grants Subcommittee

PUBLIC AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Cr Andrew Simms	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Mandy Mayhem	
Members	Cr John Chambers	Ms Amie Curtis
	Ms Sarah Ellis	Mr Andrew Henderson
	Cr Cherry Lucas	Cr Mickey Treadwell
Senior Officer	Nicola Morand, Manahautū – Kaiwhakahaere Hapori me Rautaki / General Manager - Community and Strategy	
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Note: Reports and recommendations contained in this agenda are not to be considered as Council policy until adopted.

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The meeting will open with a Karakia Timatanga.

2 APOLOGIES

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Note: Any additions must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected or independent representative and any private or other external interest they might have.
2. Elected or independent members are reminded to update their register of interests as soon as practicable, including amending the register at this meeting if necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Notes/Amends** if necessary the Elected or Independent Members' Interest Register attached as Attachment A; and
- b) **Confirms/Amends** the proposed management plan for Elected or Independent Members' Interests.

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Grants Subcommittee Register of Interest 18 June 2026				
Name	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
Cr Andrew Simms (Chairperson)	Director	Landseer Motor Investments Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Landseer Motor Investments Auckland Limited t/a Andrew Simms - Motor vehicle retail	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Stephen Duff Motors Limited t/a Andrew Simms Dunedin - Motor vehicle retail	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Three Diamond Automotive t/a Ralliart NZ - Race car preparation	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Cambridge Finance Limited - Financial Services	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	The Landseer Group Limited - Investments	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Otago Motorhome Centre Limited - Motor vehicle retail	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Landseer Motor Investments Henderson Limited - Motor vehicle retail	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Landseer Motor Investments Moorhouse Limited - Motor vehicle retail	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Minaret Property Investments Limited - Property Investment	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	The Newfoundland Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	The Moturata Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Taieri Trails Group	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Taieri Cricket Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Mosgiel AFC	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Commercial Property, Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Member	Dunedin Heritage Fund (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.	
Member	Heritage Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.	
Member	Tūhura Otago Museum Trust Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.	
Member	Taieri Airport Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.	
Cr Mandy Mayhem (Deputy Chairperson)	Chairperson	Waitati Hall Society Inc	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Keep Ōtepoti Dunedin Beautiful	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Co-ordinator	Emergency Response Group, Blueskin area	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Blueskin Bay Amenities Society	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

Name	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
Cr Mandy Mayhem (Deputy Chairperson) (cont)	Member	Blueskin A & P Society	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Zone Representative and Board Member	Keep New Zealand Beautiful	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Coastal Community Cycleway Network	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waitati Music Festival Committee	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Property Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Disability Issues Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Gasworks Museum Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Keep Dunedin Beautiful (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Performing Arts Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Member	Social Wellbeing Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.	
Cr John Chambers	Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Rental Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otakau Golf Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Opera Otago	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Okia Reserve Management Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waikouaiti Coast Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Cherry Lucas	Trustee	Otago Farmers Market	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Partner	Southway Enterprises	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Henderson Lucas Family Trust - Residential Dunedin Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Shanghai Association (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Local Government New Zealand (Zone 6) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Tūhura Otago Museum Trust Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Ōtepoti Dunedin Destination Management Plan Advisory Panel (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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Cr Cherry Lucas (cont)	Member	Taieri Airport Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Tertiary Precinct Planning Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Te Poāri a Pukekura (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Micky Treadwell	Director	Atawhai Interactive Tapui Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Contractor	Otago Polytechnic	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Co-owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Green Party of Aotearoa	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Otaru Sister City Society (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Ice Sports Dunedin Incorporated (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Ōtepoti Dunedin Live Music Advisory Panel (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Te Ao Tūroa Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Amie Curtis	Registered Member	Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Employee	Ministry of Education	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Hono ki Tua Ltd	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Board Member	Kokiri Training Centre	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Board Member	Otago University Childcare Association	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Andrew Henderson	Executive Officer and Trustee	Dunedin Budget Advisory Service Trust	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Officer	Dunedin Community House Inc	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Officer	South Dunedin Community Network Ltd	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Contractor to DCC - SLA	Dunedin Budget Advisory Service Trust administers the Consumer Electricity Fund on behalf of DCC	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Commercial Lessee	Dunedin Budget Advisory Service Trust leases space and partners with Catholic Society Services	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Sarah Ellis	Joint Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Mabel Rose Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	New Zealand Brush Company	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

Name	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
Sarah Ellis (cont)	Employee	Gallery De Novo	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Dunedin Midwinter Celebrations Trust	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Art Society	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Founder/Contractor	National Youth Portrait Awards	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Friends of the Hocken	Potential conflict of interest	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - 29 MAY 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Grants Subcommittee meeting held on 29 May 2026 as a correct record.

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Grants Subcommittee

Community Events

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Grants Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, the Octagon, Dunedin on Friday 29 May 2026, commencing at 11:23 am

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Andrew Simms	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Mandy Mayhem	
Members	Cr John Chambers	Ms Amie Curtis
	Ms Sarah Ellis	Mr Andrew Henderson
	Cr Cherry Lucas	Cr Mickey Treadwell

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Costelloe (General Manager Arts, Culture and Economic Development), Teresa Fogarty (Manager Dunedin Destination), Dan Hendra (Team Leader Events), Olha Viazenko (Event Producer) and Kerri MacLennan (Events Coordinator)

Governance Support Officer Rebecca Murray

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Ms Amie Curtis opened the meeting with a Karakia Timatanga.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Subcommittee:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (GS/2026/006)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Notes** the Elected or Independent Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected or Independent Members' Interests.

Motion carried (GS/2026/007)

PART A REPORTS

5 COMMUNITY EVENT GRANTS

A report from Enterprise Dunedin summarised the applications for Community Events fund received in March 2026 round.

The General Manager Arts, Culture and Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), Manager Dunedin Destination (Teresa Fogarty), Team Leader Events, (Dan Hendra), Event Producer (Olha Viazenko) and Events Coordinator (Kerri MacLennan) spoke to the funding applications and responded to questions.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Declines** the following funding application:
13 Fonofaufautua a Samoa i Otago

Motion carried (GS/2026/008)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Subcommittee:

- b) **Declines** the following funding application:
14 Otago Table Tennis Association (OTTA)

Motion carried (GS/2026/009)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Subcommittee:

- c) **Declines** the following funding application:
- 15 Ōtepoti Possibilities Cooperative T/A Yours

Motion carried (GS/2026/010)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Subcommittee:

- d) **Approves** the following funding application:
- 1 Community Care Trust Aotearoa \$1,870.50

Motion carried (GS/2026/011)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Subcommittee:

- e) **Approves** the following funding application:
- 2 Diving Ōtākou \$2,500.00

Motion carried (GS/2026/012)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr John Chambers):

That the Subcommittee:

- f) **Approves** the following funding application:
- 3 Dunedin Edinburgh Sister City Society \$4,000.00

Motion carried (GS/2026/013)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Subcommittee:

- g) **Approves** the following funding application:
- 4 Dunedin Folk Club \$5,000.00

Motion carried (GS/2026/014)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Ms Amie Curtis):

That the Subcommittee:

- h) **Approves** the following funding application:
- 5 Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust \$5,000.00

Motion carried (GS/2026/015)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Subcommittee:

i) **Approves** the following funding application:

6	Dunedin Indian Association	\$5,000.00
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Motion carried (GS/2026/016)

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr John Chambers):

That the Subcommittee:

j) **Approves** the following funding application:

7	Dunedin Town Hall Organ Trust	\$977.50
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Motion carried (GS/2026/017)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Subcommittee:

k) **Approves** the following funding application:

8	East Otago Musical Theatre Incorporated	\$2,000.00
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Motion carried (GS/2026/018)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Subcommittee:

l) **Approves** the following funding application:

9	Otago Wheelchair Rugby Incorporated	\$5,000.00
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Motion carried (GS/2026/019)

Cr Mickey Treadwell left the meeting at 12.27pm and returned to the meeting at 12.29pm.

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Subcommittee:

m) **Approves** the following funding application:

10	Pakistan Association of Otago	\$3,500.00
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Motion carried (GS/2026/020)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Subcommittee:

n) **Approves** the following funding application:

11	Taste Nature Social Enterprise	\$4,757.00
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Motion carried (GS/2026/021)

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Subcommittee:

o) **Approves** the following funding application:

12	Otago Tongan Students' Association	\$2,000.00
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Motion carried (GS/2026/022)

6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Ms Amie Curtis closed the meeting with a Karakia Whakamutunga.

The meeting concluded at 12.54pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

18 Table 1 provides a summary of the completed grants.

Table 1: Summary of grants from the Dunedin Biodiversity Fund settled between 01 December 2025 and 30 April 2026.

Application ID	Grant recipient	Project type	Amount allocated	Amount claimed	Balance
BIO-2023-28	S. Eckhoff *	Revegetation	\$998.75	\$ -	\$998.75
BIO-2023-35	K. Wilson *	Revegetation and weed control	\$4,982.50	\$4,873.20	\$109.30
BIO-2023-36	F. Jakobs *	Fencing	\$5,000.00	\$3,718.39	\$1,281.61
BIO-2024-07	L. Campbell *	Revegetation	\$4,995.38	\$4,894.46	\$100.92
BIO-2024-14	O. Dar	Revegetation	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$-
BIO-2025-01	Matai Hill Trust	Revegetation	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$-
BIO-2025-02	Makarara Station (S. Nichol)	Revegetation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$-
BIO-2025-05	P. Williams *	Revegetation	\$5,000.00	\$4,339.00	\$661.00
BIO-2025-11	A. Young	Revegetation	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$-
BIO-2025-19	L. Sheridan	Weed control	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$-
BIO-2025-23	Waitati Beach Reserve Society Inc.	Weed control	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$-
		Total	\$41,226.63	\$38,075.05	\$3,151.58

* Grant expired or partially uplifted

- 19 All grant recipients who claimed funding successfully completed their projects in accordance with their approved applications. Invoices and receipts provided confirmed expenditure is consistent with the amounts claimed, including for partially claimed grants.
- 20 One grant expired and was therefore forfeited. Several attempts were made in the six months prior to the grant expiring; however, the applicant could not be reached.
- 21 An amount of \$3,151.58 was returned to the fund for redistribution in the March 2026 funding round. This amount comprises \$998.75 from the expired grant and \$2,152.83 from four partially claimed grants.
- 22 Thirty-six approved grants totalling \$121,517.20 remain unclaimed, with no grants outstanding from funding rounds prior to September 2024.

OPTIONS

23 As this report is for noting there are no options.

NEXT STEPS

- 24 Applicants have been advised of the Council’s funding decisions for the March 2026 Biodiversity Fund round.
- 25 Staff will continue to administer the Biodiversity Fund, the next funding round will be in September 2026.
- 26 Projects completed between two funding rounds will be reported to the Subcommittee at the next meeting.

Signatories

Author:	Zoe Lunniss - Biodiversity Advisor
Authoriser:	Mark Mawdsley - Team Leader Advisory Services David Ward - General Manager, 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the environmental well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Economic Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Environment Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Dunedin Biodiversity Fund directly supports the objectives and outcomes of Te Ao Tūroa – Dunedin’s Environment Strategy, the DCC Biodiversity Strategy, and the Future Development Strategy. It also contributes to the Parks and Recreation Strategy.

Māori Impact Statement

Mana whenua provide guidance and advice on priority projects and the appropriateness of restoration activities in culturally significant areas.

Sustainability

The projects in this report will contribute positively to the long-term sustainability of the natural environment of Dunedin.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

There are no implications. The allocated funding is within budget.

Financial considerations

A total of \$43,800.00 has been granted to thirteen applicants and is within budget.

Significance

This decision is considered to have low significance based on the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.

Engagement – external

Aukaha and Pouhere Taonga have provided feedback on funded projects.

Engagement - internal

There has been no internal engagement.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

There are no known risks

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Conflict of Interest

There are no identified conflicts of interest.

Community Boards

Several of the grants relate to Community Board areas – i.e., Otago Peninsula, Mosgiel-Taieri, Saddle Hill, West Harbour and Waikouaiti Coast.

Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund March 2026						
Application ID	Name of organisation or landowner	Name of project	Purpose of funding	Total costs	Amount requested	Approved Amount
BIO-2026-01	Emily Wampler	Fencing stock out of reforested creek	Installation of approximately 210 metres of new and replacement fencing to permanently exclude stock from a revegetated creek corridor along a tributary of Lindsay Creek.	\$ 11,348.66	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,775.00
BIO-2026-02	Michael Jones	Revegetating Tomahawk Lagoon Catchment	Upgrade and replacement of approximately 380 metres of fencing along a private property boundary adjoining Tomahawk Lagoon.	\$ 9,105.91	\$ 4,206.91	\$ 2,385.00
BIO-2026-03	Claudia Babirat	Revegetation to complete a wildlife corridor between two bushed-up gullies along Brighton coast	Support the purchase of native plants and fencing equipment to form a vegetation corridor between two existing vegetated gullies along the coast.	\$ 5,879.78	\$ 2,838.13	\$ 2,705.00
BIO-2026-04	Curtis Dudley	Ecological restoration on private family property/old farmland in the strath Taieri	Revegetation of modified farmland in the Strath Taieri, focusing on the establishment of indigenous shrubland, wetland and riparian vegetation.	\$ 6,249.36	\$ 2,358.49	\$ 2,250.00
BIO-2026-05	Gerben Ponne	Matai Hill Restoration Project	Continue revegetation efforts for a large-scale, long-term ecological restoration project within a QEII covenant.	\$ 24,400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,050.00
BIO-2026-06	Junichi Sugishita	Tsunagaru Terra	Revegetation of degraded farmland adjacent to large QEII covenant on Mount Cargill, including installation of rabbit exclusion fencing to assist in revegetation efforts.	\$ 15,711.45	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,970.00
BIO-2026-07	Land Rover Owners Club (Otago)	Cedar Creek 4WD Park Integrates Recreation and Biodiversity Project	Riparian restoration project in the upper Waitati catchment to upgrade fencing around Cedar Creek and revegetate riparian margins.	\$ 27,021.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,775.00
BIO-2026-08	Saint Clair Golf Club	St Clair Golf Club Biodiversity Enhancement	Convert areas of coastal golf course into indigenous coastal forest and shrubland.	\$ 25,085.00	\$ 4,990.00	\$ 2,390.00
BIO-2026-09	Cape Saunders Farm Limited (Rachel Kerr)	Cape Saunders Revegetation	Revegetation of stock excluded areas on a coastal property at Cape Saunders.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,055.00
BIO-2026-10	Lynnaire Sheridan	Restoring native habitat through pest and weed control with eco-sourced planting - Phase 2	Continue weed control and revegetation efforts to transition a degraded coastal hillside from pest dominated vegetation to regenerating native shrubland and forest habitat.	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ -
BIO-2026-11	Bec Pearson	Ngā Tai Whakakorowai	Restoration of wetland and riparian margins on a coastal Kuri Bush property. The project focuses on improving freshwater quality, wetland function, and enhancement of coastal values through revegetation of stock excluded areas.	\$ 11,493.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,775.00
BIO-2026-12	Ohad Dar	Replant Saddle Hill	Revegetation of harvested 3-hectare exotic forestry block with indigenous species on Saddle Hill.	\$ 14,925.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,385.00
BIO-2026-14	Alister Young	Trees for Birds	Purchase indigenous plants to support ongoing ecological restoration at the Broad Bay coastal site.	\$ 3,157.10	\$ 1,578.55	\$ 1,510.00
BIO-2026-15	East Otago Catchment Group (Steph Scott)	Waipaku/Post Office Creek - DCC Water Reserve Riparian Revegetation Project	Fencing and revegetation of approximately 1.35 ha of riparian and slope areas in the Waipaku/Post Office Creek catchment.	\$ 14,373.51	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,775.00
			Total Cost of All Applicants Projects	\$ 186,949.77		
			Total Requested		\$ 60,072.08	
			Total Available for Distribution		\$ 43,801.58	
			Total Recommended for Distribution		\$ 43,800.00	
			Total Funds Remaining for Distribution		\$ 1.58	



01 December 2025

Sam Eckhoff



Kia ora Sam,

BIODIVERSITY FUND APPLICATION BIO-2023-28 – NOTICE OF OUTSTANDING GRANT CANCELLATION

This letter concerns the DCC Biodiversity Fund grant **BIO-2023-28**, awarded in September 2023 for the *Green Island Bush Road Native Planting* project.

Under the grant agreement, projects must be completed and funds claimed within 24 months of approval (30 November 2025). Despite several reminder emails over the past six months, we have not received the required documentation to uplift your funds.

As a result, the grant has expired and been cancelled to ensure funding remains available for other Biodiversity Fund projects.

We understand plans can change, and you are welcome to apply in future rounds of the Fund should you wish to seek support for biodiversity initiatives.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kā mihi,



Zoe Lunniss
Biodiversity Fund Administrator & Biodiversity Advisor, Advisory Services

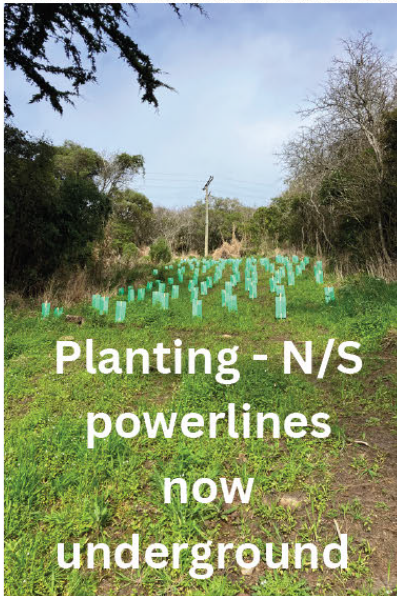
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BIO-2023-35

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
PARTIAL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2023-35
	Applicant (Person ID):	Katelin Wilson
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Stage 2 Plant Pest/Weed Control Project
	Site address:	[REDACTED]
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	September 2023
	Grant Amount:	\$4,982.50
	<u>Grant Monies to be paid out:</u>	\$4,873.20
	<u>Grant Monies NOT paid out:</u>	\$109.30
	<u>Remaining grant monies for reallocation:</u>	Remaining \$109.30 for reallocation in March 2026 funding round.
	Purpose of Grant:	Remove infestations of bomarea, among other pest plant species, trap pest animal species and begin revegetation of steep slopes.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	Completion report, budget, labour log, invoices.
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$9,524.00 <u>Labour costs:</u> \$1,037.78 <u>Total costs:</u> \$10,561.78 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$5,688.58
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: (date)	27 November 2025
Site Visit Undertaken:	NA	
Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: (check agreement)	NA	







Before under E/W powerlines west boundry



Before west boundry



Cutting access tracks with hedge trimmer



Cutting access tracks with hedge trimmer



Poisoned Banana Pasionfruit west boundry

Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2023-36

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
PARTIAL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2023-36
	Applicant (Person ID):	Fiona Jakobs
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name: Site address:	Fencing 600 North Road As above
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	September 2023
	Grant Amount:	\$5,000.00
	<u>Grant Monies to be paid out:</u>	\$3,718.39
	Grant Monies NOT paid out:	\$1,281.61
	Remaining grant monies for reallocation:	Remaining \$1,281.61 will be accrued and reallocated in March 2026 funding round.
	Purpose of Grant:	Fencing an area of significant biodiversity value (ASBV) on the property.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion report - Budget, including invoices, receipts, labour and vehicle logs. - Photos
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$5,690.14 <u>Labour costs:</u> \$852.83 <u>Mileage costs:</u> \$64.08 <u>Total costs:</u> \$7,436.79 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$3,718.40
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	17 November 2025
Site Visit Undertaken:	No	
Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA	
Report to Council: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	





Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2024-07

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
PARTIAL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2024-07
	Applicant (Person ID):	Luke Campbell
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Old Cottage Land Reforestation
	Site address:	[REDACTED]
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	March 2024
	Grant Amount:	\$4,995.38
	<u>Grant Monies to be paid out:</u>	\$4,894.46
	Grant Monies NOT paid out:	\$100.92
	Remaining grant monies for reallocation:	Remaining \$100.92 for reallocation in March 2026 funding round (to be allocated in April/May 2026).
	Purpose of Grant:	Biodiversity enhancement via revegetation and pest plant control of site adjacent to Orokonui Ecosanctuary.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	Completion report, photos, invoices, planting plan.
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$9,336.82 <u>Labour costs:</u> \$452.10 <u>Total costs:</u> \$9,788.92 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$4,894.46
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes – slight scope change from applicant labour to use of contractor due to applicant injury.
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	09 April 2026
Site Visit Undertaken:	Planned	
Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA	
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	





Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2024-14

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
FULL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2024-14
	Applicant (Person ID):	Ohad Dar
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Saddle Hill Rejuvenation Project
Grant Details	Site address:	[REDACTED] Dunedin
	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	September 2024
	Grant Amount:	\$3,200.00
	Grant Monies to be paid out:	\$3,200.00
	Purpose of Grant:	Contribute to the cost of native plants and associated equipment needed to support the revegetation of the Saddle Hill site, recently cleared of exotic forestry.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion report - Invoices - Photos - Planting plan (additional cost to the applicant).
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$16,864.81 <u>Total costs:</u> \$16,864.81 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$13,664.81
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	12 February 2026
	Site Visit Undertaken:	No
Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA	
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	





Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2025-01

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
FULL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2025-01
	Applicant (Person ID):	Matai Hill Trust (Ben Ponne)
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Matai Hill
Grant Details	Site address:	[REDACTED] Waikouaiti
	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	March 2025
	Grant Amount:	\$4,400.00
	Grant Monies to be paid out:	\$4,400.00
	Purpose of Grant:	Contribute toward contractor costs, including plant purchase, for the revegetation of a 1.5 ha area within a QEII covenant.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	Completion report, invoices, drone imagery
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$24,006.18 <u>Total costs:</u> \$24,006.18 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$19,606.18
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	13 April 2026
	Site Visit Undertaken:	Planned
	Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	

DCC BIO & ORC ECO fund 2025 supporting docs for “Matai Hill” 73 Reservoir Road, Warrington.

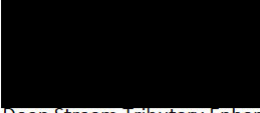
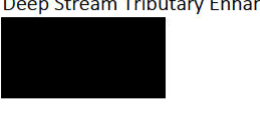
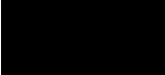
Planting area photos (3 main locations) 1600 plants.



Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2025-02

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
FULL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2025-02
	Applicant (Person ID):	Makarara Station Limited C/- Steven Nichol
	Postal address for service:	
	Email:	
	Project Name:	Deep Stream Tributary Enhancement
Grant Details	Site address:	
	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	March 2025
	Grant Amount:	\$5,000.00
	Grant Monies to be paid out:	\$5,000.00
	Purpose of Grant:	Contribute toward contractor costs associated with the purchase of plants and their protective equipment for the restoration of a small Deep Stream tributary.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion report - Invoice - Photos
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$20,538.40 <u>Total costs:</u> \$20,538.40 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$15,538.40
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	25 March 2026
	Site Visit Undertaken:	No
Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA	
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	



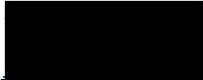
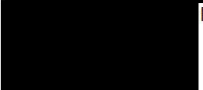





Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2025-05

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
PARTIAL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2025-05
	Applicant (Person ID):	Peter and Pariya Williams
	Postal address for service:	
	Email:	
	Project Name:	Restoration
Site address:		
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	March 2025
	Grant Amount:	\$5,000.00
	<u>Grant Monies to be paid out:</u>	\$4,339.00
	Grant Monies <u>NOT</u> paid out:	\$661.00
	Remaining grant monies for reallocation:	Remaining \$661 for reallocation in March 2026 funding round – continue to accrue.
	Purpose of Grant:	Contribute to contractor costs and tangible goods for managing woody weeds across 1.2 ha of recently harvested exotic forest that has since been replanted in native species.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	Completion report Photos and map Invoices Labour log
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$8,120.85 <u>Labour costs:</u> \$1,767.30 <u>Total costs:</u> \$9,888.15 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$5,549.15
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	12 March 2026
Site Visit Undertaken:	Yes	
Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA	
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	







Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2025-11

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
FULL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2025-11
	Applicant (Person ID):	Alister Young
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Trees for Birds
	Site address:	[REDACTED]
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	March 2025
	Grant Amount:	\$2,500.00
	Grant Monies to be paid out:	\$2,500.00
	Purpose of Grant:	To support the purchase of native plants for 1 ha shrubland restoration, with the goal of creating and enhancing habitat for local lizard species. Funding also contributed to the purchase of traps near the project area, expanding the existing predator-control network already established on site.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion report - Photos - Invoices/proof of purchase - Labour log
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$2,516.49 <u>Labour costs:</u> \$2,825.63 <u>Total costs:</u> \$5,342.12 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$2,842.12
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	21 January 2025
	Site Visit Undertaken:	Yes
	Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2025	



Example of previous years' plantings on dry hillside country.
Flaxes have been planted this year amongst the cabbage trees.

large area of gorse is being swamped with
muehlenbeckia australis.



View of flat area facing south/south east. Sacks around plantings in foreground. Gorse on left in process of being cut back 10mtrs. and work progressing up the hill in preparation for further planting.



Sacks around plantings of divaricated shrubs in foreground. Gorse cut back in foreground ready for planting this current winter

Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2025-19

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
FULL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2025-19
	Applicant (Person ID):	Lynnaire Sheridan
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Restoring Native Habitat through Pest and Weed Control with Eco-Sourced Planting
	Site address:	[REDACTED]
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	September 2025
	Grant Amount:	\$3,800.00
	Grant Monies to be paid out:	\$3,800.00
	Purpose of Grant:	Support contractor costs associated with weed control.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	Completion report Invoice Photos
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$7,850.00 <u>Labour costs:</u> \$0.00 <u>Total costs:</u> \$7,850.00 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$4,050.00
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	13 January 2026
	Site Visit Undertaken:	No
	Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	



Image 3: A 'during' photo of Monowai Ecological Limited staff engaging in weed eradication



Image 4: A 'during' photo of Monowai Ecological Limited staff engaging in weed eradication in steep terrain



Image 5: An 'after' photo post weed eradication



Image 6: An 'after' photo post weed eradication

Dunedin City Council Biodiversity Fund

BIO-2025-23

DUNEDIN BIODIVERSITY FUND
PROJECT COMPLETION CHECKLIST & RELEASE OF GRANT MONIES
FULL PAYMENT

Recipient Details	Application Number:	BIO-2025-23
	Applicant (Person ID):	Waitati Beach Reserve Society Incorporated Gerald Fitzgerald
	Postal address for service:	[REDACTED]
	Email:	[REDACTED]
	Project Name:	Final Pine Removal
	Site address:	Waitati Beach Reserve [REDACTED]
Grant Details	Funding Round Application: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	September 2025
	Grant Amount:	\$1,350.00
	Grant Monies to be paid out:	\$1,350.00
	Purpose of Grant:	Assist with arborist cost for the removal of two large wilding pines within the Reserve.
	Information supplied for completion of project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion report - Invoice - Photos
	Invoices Received (exclude GST):	<u>Invoice costs:</u> \$2,700.00 <u>Total costs:</u> \$2,700.00 <u>Applicant contribution:</u> \$1,350.00
	Invoices generally consistent with Application:	Yes
	Final Report Received: <i>(date)</i>	01 April 2026
	Site Visit Undertaken:	No
	Additional Grant Conditions applied are met: <i>(check agreement)</i>	NA
Report to Grants Subcommittee: <i>(Month/Year)</i>	May 2026	

Aerial photo showing trees to be removed



Post completion aerial photo with circled area showing pines removed



Trees on the ground





Dunedin City Council: Biodiversity Fund Eligibility and Prioritisation Criteria

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility criteria are the minimum requirements a project application has to meet to be funded.

To be eligible for funding projects must meet the following criteria:

- Be located within the Dunedin City boundaries.
- Be associated with a specific site/s. Projects that refer to the whole of Dunedin or generalised areas within it will not be eligible.
- Have direct benefit to indigenous biodiversity.
- Have completed application forms that demonstrate a thorough level of planning. For ongoing projects, a long-term management plan must be provided that details the stages of the project, the long-term outcome, and where the current application activity fits into the plan.
- Demonstrate long-term viability of the project outcomes e.g. stock exclusion from planted areas, ongoing planned commitment to animal pest control, ongoing weed control maintenance of planted areas, etc.
- Contribute to meeting the strategic goals of the DCC Biodiversity Strategy, Goal 2 objectives Te Ao Tūroa – Dunedin’s Environment Strategy, and 2GP Strategic Objective 2.2.3.
- Have no unclaimed granted funds relating to either the site or the applicant.
- Revegetation projects must be stocked with eco-sourced native plants and be of an appropriate ecosystem type for the site.
- Project activities are not contrary to any regulations (e.g. Otago Regional Council Flood Protection Management Bylaw 2012) and have acquired any necessary consents/permissions.
- Minimum size for revegetation planting projects is 0.1 ha (1000 m²). E.g. 50 m x 20 m area.

The Biodiversity Fund does not provide grants for the following:

- Planting of exotic vegetation or non-local native species including nursery hybrids.
- Amenity or landscape plantings i.e. beautification projects.
- Projects that have been created to comply with Resource Consent conditions.
- Non-farming business entities and corporate farming entities (e.g. farms that are not landowner/leaseholder occupied).

- Research projects, education or project planning.
- Visitor or volunteer infrastructure.
- Government Departments and Local Authorities are not eligible for funding.

Prioritisation criteria

Prioritisation criteria are the criteria by which projects are ranked for funding, in the event that the fund is oversubscribed.

The Prioritisation criteria include:

Present or potential biodiversity values:

- Meet, or are likely to meet, the criteria for an Area of Significant Biodiversity Value (ASBV) in the DCC second generation (2GP) District Plan.
- Projects that provide buffers, linkages and/or corridors to or for indigenous biodiversity.
- Align with the 2007 Statement of national priorities for protecting rare and threatened species on private land:
 - To protect indigenous vegetation associated with land environments (defined by Land Environments of New Zealand at Level IV), that have 20% or less remaining in indigenous cover.
 - To protect indigenous vegetation associated with sand dunes and wetlands; ecosystem types that have become uncommon due to human activity.
 - To protect indigenous vegetation associated with 'originally rare' terrestrial ecosystem types not already covered by priorities 1 and 2.
 - To protect habitats of acutely and chronically threatened indigenous species.

Protection and effectiveness:

- Have a protective covenant registered on the title of the land.
- Scheduled as an Area of Significant Biodiversity Value (ASBV) or Urban Biodiversity Management Area (UBMA) in the DCC second generation (2GP) District Plan.
- Align with current best practice for the activities involved.

Other:

- Projects located on private land that are landowner managed will have higher priority than community-led projects on public land.
- Eligible applicants and/or sites that have received grants in the previous funding round will have lower priority than other applications.
- Animal pest control projects from outside the Predator Free Dunedin catchment area will have higher priority than animal pest control projects within the Predator Free Dunedin catchment area.

Summary of Additional Funds for March 2026 Funding Round				
Funds partially uplifted or forfeited since 1 December 2025				
Application ID	Fund status	Amount allocated	Amount uplifted	Balance
BIO-2023-28	Expired	\$ 998.75	\$ -	\$ 998.75
BIO-2023-35	Partially uplifted	\$ 4,982.50	\$ 4,873.20	\$ 109.30
BIO-2023-36	Partially uplifted	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,718.39	\$ 1,281.61
BIO-2024-07	Partially uplifted	\$ 4,995.38	\$ 4,894.46	\$ 100.92
BIO-2025-05	Partially uplifted	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,339.00	\$ 661.00
	Total	\$ 20,976.63	\$ 17,825.05	\$ 3,151.58

Total to allocate March 2026	
Biodiversity Fund allocation	\$ 40,650.00
Additional funds available from	\$ 3,151.58
Total	\$ 43,801.58

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes to 6

Motion carried (CNL/2026/001)

DISCUSSION

- 3 In the March funding round, \$30,000 was available for Waste Minimisation Community Grants. In the financial year 2025/26, \$10,000 was available for Waste Minimisation Small Project Grants.
- 4 The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 sets out the framework for waste minimisation grant funding (Attachment A)
- 5 The Chief Executive under delegated authority has approved the grants as outlined in the attached tables for Waste Minimisation Community grants (Attachment B) and Waste Minimisation Small Project grants (Attachment C).

OPTIONS

- 6 This report is for noting only.

Signatories

Author:	Karen Gadomski - Waste Planning Advisor, Construction and Demolition
Authoriser:	Chris Henderson - Group Manager Waste and Environmental Solutions Scott MacLean - General Manager, City Services

Attachments

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision promotes the social well-being, economic well-being, environmental well-being, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and Recreation Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This report supports the Council’s Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025.

Māori Impact Statement

Staff are working to develop relationships with the Māori community and ensure DCC grants are accessible and supportive of the needs of the Māori community.

Sustainability

Waste Minimisation Grants provide community with a funding opportunity for new waste minimisation projects and initiatives.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

Budget is set aside from Waste Levy revenue for waste minimisation grants in accordance with the Dunedin City Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025. This money is received from the Ministry for the Environment and has been approved to use for grants funding in accordance with section 47 of the Waste Minimisation Act.

Financial considerations

Grants will be expended from the Waste Minimisation Funds within approved budgets.

Significance

This decision is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.

Engagement – external

A variety of newsletters, social media, Otago Access Radio, as well as advertising in local media were used to promote these grants.

Engagement - internal

Internal engagement was carried out with other grant funding departments to check applicants were not doubling up on applications. Departments relevant to the organisations applying for funding were also engaged to check on the best fits in funding criteria for applicants.

Attachment A

Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 (WMMP)

Waste Minimisation Grants Framework

Te Aka Pieta Tautoko o te Whakamōkito Para

- 1 Under the Waste Minimisation Act, Territorial Authorities can provide grants using waste levy money, to encourage and enable waste minimisation in accordance with their WMMP. If the Territorial Authority wishes to, the WMMP must provide the framework for doing so (s43 (2d) WMA).
- 2 This following section gives a framework to outline the structure and guidelines for distributing contestable and non-contestable grants to organisations and projects. It ensures transparency, fairness, and effective allocation of grants.
- 3 These grants are to enable waste minimisation action by external organisations, in accordance with the guiding principles, vision, goals, objectives, and actions in the WMMP.
- 4 Decisions on the award of grants will be based on the following priorities:
 - a) Top of the waste hierarchy - enable residents or businesses to avoid waste, reuse, or repair items.
 - b) Waste streams - alignment with the material diversion targets in this Plan and the Zero Carbon Plan 2030 (organics – food, garden, timber, paper, and textiles).
 - c) Delivery - the applicant's ability to deliver their project, expand local capability, and achieve strong waste minimisation outcomes.
 - d) Expand opportunities for diversion – increase the variety of sustainable waste minimisation solutions available and develop new capabilities in Ōtepoti Dunedin.
 - e) Scale - The quantity and volume of material that will be minimised from reaching landfill by an applicant's project.
- 5 The DCC's Grants Management Policy also applies to the management of waste minimisation grants.
- 6 **Other considerations could include** collaborative and joint applications (i.e., between businesses or between community organisations), whether the organisation is local, creates equity for Māori, Pacifica, and new migrant communities, and whether the project contributes towards social, economic, environmental, and cultural outcomes. Also, health and safety planning will be required where appropriate, such as public events.

Waste Minimisation Community Grants March 2026										
No.	Name of Organisation	Bank Account Name	Name of service/project	Purpose of Funding	Waste Minimised	Project start date	Total costs	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Amount approved
1	Otago University Childcare Association	Otago University Childcare Association Incorporated	Sustainability recycle, repurpose, reuse	Waste minimisation at ECH centre	Paper, Plastic	01/06/2026	\$3,174.75	\$2,518.20	\$2,518.20	\$ 2,518.20
2	Pregnancy Help (Dunedin branch)	Pregnancy Help	Provision of reusable nappies to families whānau	Provision of reusable nappies to families whānau	Disposable nappies	01/07/2026	\$6,602.62	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
3	TechCollect NZ Limited	TechCollect NZ Limited	Dunedin Community E-Waste Recovery Initiative	Ewaste recycling and education/promotion	E waste	01/06/2026	\$19,205.39	\$12,648.51	\$0.00	\$ -
4	The Valley Project	North East Valley Community Development Project Inc	The North East Valley Waste Not Workshops	Waste minimisation workshop series	Tools, kai, textiles, plastics	01/09/2026	\$5,376.10	\$3,785.00	\$3,785.00	\$ 3,785.00
5	Valley Community Workspace	Valley Community Workspace	Feasibility study and initial installation phase of a repair hub in North East Valley at VCW	Feasibility study and initial installation phase of a repair hub in North East Valley at VCW	Electronic items - feasibility study for other items	01/06/2026	\$6,446.96	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
6	Yours Ōtepoti Possibilities Cooperative	The Blue Oyster Arts Trust	Makeshift: DIY Fashion and Sustainability Festival	Series of workshops for repair and reuse	Textiles, timber	01/06/2026	\$14,050.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
				Total Cost of All Applicants Projects			\$ 54,855.82			
				Total requested				\$ 33,951.71		
				Total available for distribution				\$ 30,000.00		
				Total recommended for distribution					\$ 21,303.20	\$21,303.20
				Total funds remaining for distribution					\$ 8,696.80	

Waste Minimisation Small Project Grants								
Grants Approved under Chief Executive's Delegated Authority in May 2026								
No.	Date received	Organisation	Project	Purpose of Grant	Project Cost	Amount requested		Amount Paid
1	19/05/2026	Wakari School	Plastics-free lunches	To make beeswax wraps	\$427.00	\$427.00		\$427.00
2	23/05/2026	Dunedin Midwinter Celebrations Trust	2026 Midwinter Carnival	To fund a Waste Warriors Coordinator	\$1,120.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
							Total	927.00
						Total amount remaining for distribution in financial year 2025/26	\$8,369.00	
						Total of WM Small Project grants spent in financial year 2025/26	\$1,631.00	

DCC ARTS GRANTS ALLOCATED - \$5,000 AND UNDER AND DCC SMALL ARTS GRANTS REPORT

Department: Ara Toi

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 This report summarises the DCC Arts Grants (under \$5k) that have been approved by staff, under delegation up to 30 April 2026. This includes:
 - a) DCC Arts Grants (up to \$5k)
 - b) DCC Small Arts Grants (up to \$500).
- 2 Council confirmed its preferred governance structure for grants as, Grants Subcommittee, Staff Delegations and Council Oversight. Staff can now approve small grants (under \$5k) under this delegation.
- 3 This report summarises the small grants approved by staff under delegation through to 30 April 2026.
- 4 A list of approved DCC Arts Grants is included in attachments A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Notes** the DCC Arts Grants approved from the DCC's Ara Toi/Creative Partnerships team (up to 30 April 2026).
- b) **Notes** the grants allocated between 2 December 2025 and 30 April 2026 for DCC Small Arts Grants.

BACKGROUND

- 5 Council confirmed its preferred governance structure for grants as:

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- e) **Confirms** its preferred Governance Structure for Grant Decisions is a Grants Subcommittee + Staff Delegations + Council Oversight where:
 - i) Staff allocate small grants under delegation.
 - ii) A Grants Subcommittee (which include community representatives) allocates mid-tier grants, multi-year and large grants.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Mandy Mayhem, Andrew Simms, Mickey Treadwell and Steve Walker (8).

Against: Crs Cherry Lucas, Russell Lund, Benedict Ong, Lee Vandervis, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (6).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes to 6

Motion carried (CNL/2026/001)

- 6 Applications for DCC Arts Grant fund closed on 27 March 2026.
- 7 The Ara Toi/Creative Partnerships team held an arts-specific funding drop-in session in the Community Gallery on Thursday 26 February. Potential applicants were able to speak to Creative Advisors in a welcoming space between 11am and 4pm.
- 8 The team is in regular contact with potential and current applicants throughout the year and proactively contacts groups and individuals to check in with their application process.
- 9 Grants applications and relevant report backs are discussed and reviewed by the full team prior to finalising recommendations; all final assessments are reviewed by the Team Leader.
- 10 Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff before applying for a grant, to receive relevant advice and information.
- 11 There was additional funding available in the DCC Arts fund this round due to the return of a DCC Arts grant from the September grant round.
- 12 All grant applications undergo a rigorous assessment to ensure full compliance with the grant criteria as outlined on the DCC's website, as well as the DCC's Grants Management Policy (2019). The assessment process provides assurance that grant applicants are eligible and that the required documentation such as financial records, are received as part of their application.
- 13 The current Grants Management Policy (2019) is undergoing a review, and this work is being led by the DCC's Corporate Policy team.

DISCUSSION

- 14 The DCC Arts Grants have two rounds annually: March and September.
- 15 There were 20 applications submitted to the DCC Arts funding pool. This round has more applicants than the last round but reflects the same number of applications as the March 2025 round.

Applications (<i>new applicants</i>)		
March 2026	September 2025	March 2025
20 (7)	11	20

Table 1. Summary of DCC Arts grants over the last three funding rounds.

- 16 16 DCC Arts grants were approved and 4 were declined. Of the 16 funded, 7 were new applicants.

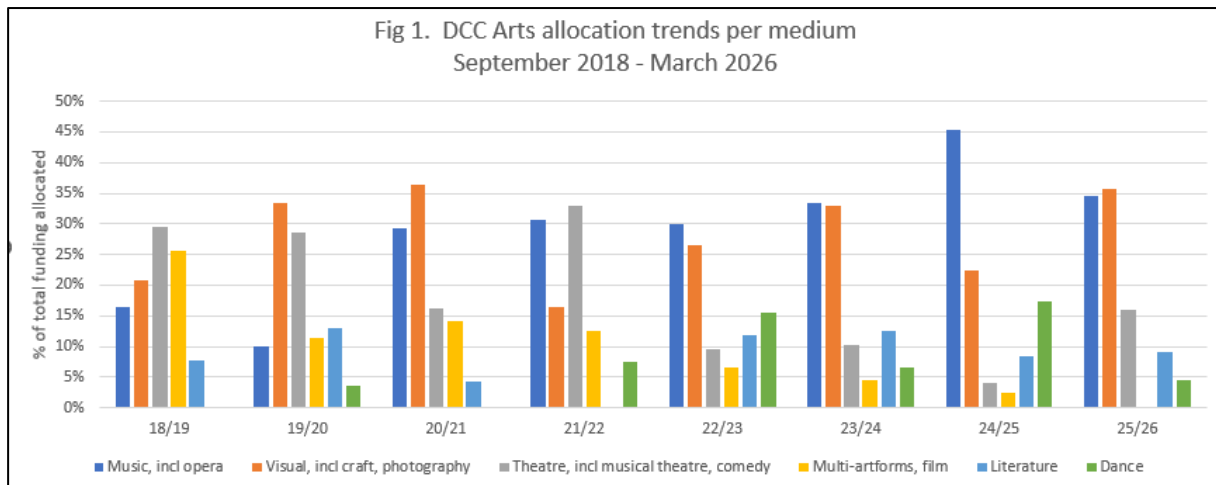
Grant	Number of applications received	Number of applications successful	Total requested	Total available (March 2026)
DCC Arts Grant	20	16	\$74,281.50	\$39,700.00

Table 2. Summary of DCC Arts Grants, March 2026.

- 17 The decision to decline 3 of the applications was informed by prioritising new projects that had clear and direct community engagement and outcomes. 1 decline was due to the project being ineligible for funding.

Analysis of DCC Arts Grants (under \$5k) March 2019 – March 2026

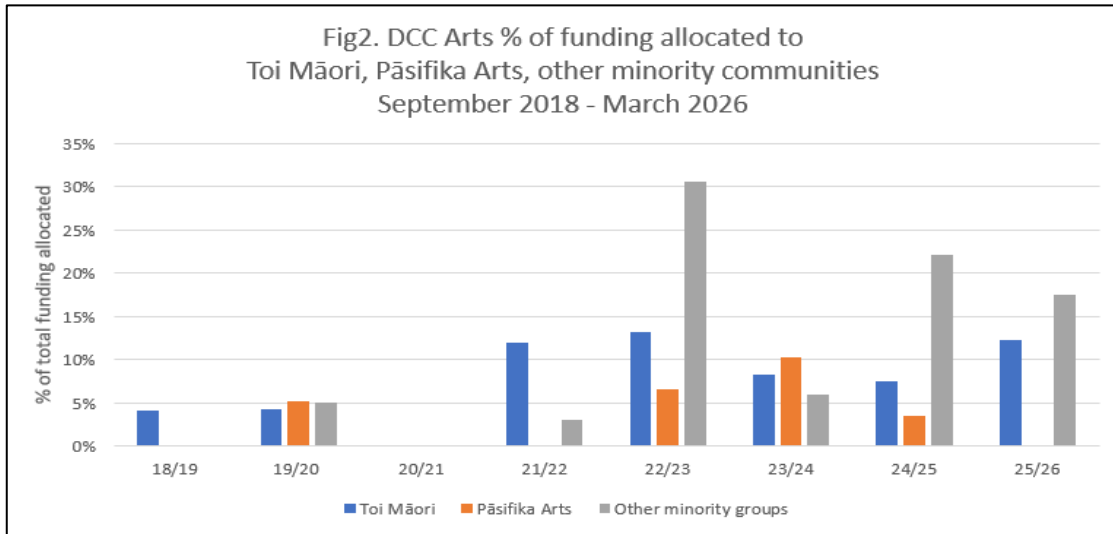
- 18 **Figure 1** reflects the allocation trends per medium from September 2018 – March 2026:



- 19 **Figure 1** reveals the distribution trends for funding allocation across different artforms over the past eight years. Music and Visual Arts projects continue to receive the largest proportion of grants funding from these funding pools. To note: projects and events that incorporate a mix of music, dance, and song fall under ‘Multi-arts’.

- 20 In a slight shift away from funding trends, the Theatre sector has seen an increase for the first time since 2021/2022.

- 21 After identifying in 2022 that Māori and Pāsifika applicants and other minority groups were underrepresented in both applications received and funding distributed, it is positive to see these results, which are also reflected in the Creative Communities Scheme grants round (**Figure 2**). Ongoing staff outreach and work to minimise and/or remove barriers for potential applicants has been a large factor in this change.



Summary of Small Arts Project grants approved between 2 December 2025 and 30 April 2026.

- 22 **Table 3** outlines the allocation of the remaining DCC Small Arts Grants. In total, 6 applications received funding.
- 23 The Small Arts Project grants has been full allocated for 2025/26.

Applicant	Project	Medium	Total approved	FY
Marea Colombo (under auspice of Late Bloomers)	Great Big Make It Up Show	Theatre	\$500	25/26
Mr Roberelli Ltd (under auspice of Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School)	Albatross	Music	\$500	25/26
Musical Theatre Dunedin Inc	Sister Act	Theatre	\$500	25/26
Port Chalmers Historical Society	“Historic Buildings of Main Street Port Chalmers” Booklet	Literature	\$500	25/26
Strange Material Limited	Pilot issue of Ōtepoti Art Guide	Visual	\$500	25/26
Mosgiel Abilities Resource Centre (MARC)	“Lazy Sunday” music video launch	Music	\$500	25/26

Table 3. Summary of DCC Small Arts grants, 2 December 2025 – 30 April 2026.

OPTIONS

- 24 There are no options as this is a noting report.

NEXT STEPS

- 25 Staff are processing payments for DCC Arts Grants and DCC Small Arts Grants in line with the outcomes of this report.

Signatories

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Authoriser:	Mike Costelloe - General Manager, Arts, Culture & Economic Development

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the social, economic, environment and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Funding decisions made by staff allow creative communities to engage in diverse arts and cultural activities. These activities support a vibrant and creative city described in strategies, policies, and plans such as Ara Toi Otepoti, the Festivals and Events Plan, and the Ōtepoti Live Music Action Plan.

Māori Impact Statement

Te Taki Haruru, the DCC’s Māori Strategic Framework outlines the aspirations for Māori living in Ōtepoti Dunedin. Some of the creative projects supported by grants funding directly acknowledge and celebrate the cultural and creative traditions of Kāi Tahu and mataawaka in Ōtepoti. The Grants Subcommittee includes mana whenua-appointed representation to ensure all grant decisions include mana whenua perspectives.

Sustainability

There are no negative implications for sustainability.

Zero carbon

Projects are likely to have minimal impacts on city wide emissions; this has not been formally assessed.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

Grants are part of the DCC’s Levels of Service and are included in the DCC’s LTP and Annual Plans.

Financial considerations

There are no financial considerations as grants are allocated according to the DCC’s grants budget approved by Council.

Significance

The significance of the decision related to grants has been assessed as ‘low’

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Engagement – external

No internal or external engagement has taken place related to grants. Where an applicant has applied for a DCC grant from another team, staff share relevant knowledge. Staff also check to ensure that applicants do not apply for multiple DCC applications in one round.

Engagement - internal

Ara Toi/Creative Partnerships staff consulted with the Events, Community Partnerships, and Waste Minimisation teams.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

The risks related to grants is considered low as applicants have to provide financial and group information to be eligible to apply.

Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest have been noted by staff in accordance to the DCC’s Conflict of Interest policy.

Community Boards

There are no implications for Community Boards. There are some applicants who are located within the Community Boards areas.

March 2026 DCC Arts Grants							
No	Name of Organisation	Name of Project	Purpose of Funding	Start Date	Total Costs	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Anne Baldock and Sarah Ellis (under auspice of Open Arts Inc)	National Youth Portrait Prize	Admin, outreach, advertising	1/06/2026	\$ 26,431.42	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,055.00
2	Ben Botham (under auspice of Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust)	the plan	Artist fees	1/06/2026	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,000.00
3	Cap'n Spoonbill & The Hoiho (under auspice of Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust)	Sea Shanties of Aotearoa	Research, songwriting, recording	1/06/2026	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
4	Dunedin Choral Society (performing as City Choir Dunedin)	Bach Mass in B Minor	DSO performance fees	2/11/2026	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
5	Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust	Amped Music Project 2026	Personnel costs	1/08/2026	\$ 65,780.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
6	Dunedin Performing Arts Society	DPACS Junior Vocal and Instrumental Competitions	Venue Hire	24/07/2026	\$ 8,056.53	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
7	Hana Jakubikova (under auspice of Taieri Network)	Kete - Māori weaving	Artist fees and venue hire	20/06/2026	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
8	Hic Sunt Dracones Productions (under auspice of Stage South Charitable Trust)	Hic Sunt Dracones Presents: NICOLA CHEESEMAN IS BACK (South Island Premiere)	Personnel and Production fees	1/06/2026	\$ 39,462.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
9	Keep Going Crew (under auspice of Dunedin Fringe Arts Trust)	Ōtepoti Hardcore	Venue, venue manager, marketing	1/09/2026	\$ 6,580.00	\$ 4,330.00	\$ -
10	Music Education Otago	MEO Ōtepoti Dunedin Ukulele Jam 2026	Artist and MC fees	12/10/2026	\$ 8,710.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 2,500.00
11	Naatya School of Indian Dance (under auspice of Dance Ōtepoti)	Shlokanjali	Venue hire, tech and personnel costs, and marketing	14/08/2026	\$ 5,480.00	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 3,500.00
12	National Flash Fiction Day	National Flash Fiction Day Ōtepoti Dunedin 2026	Artist, tech support, MC and tutor fees	1/05/2026	\$ 10,950.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 2,000.00
13	NZ Academy of Highland & National Dancing Inc	Solo Seal Performers examination	Venue hire	25/09/2026	\$ 7,404.55	\$ 2,929.25	\$ -
14	NZ Society of Authors (PEN NZ Inc) Otago Southland branch	National Poetry Day celebration event - Tūmanako: Words of Hope	Artist, musician and MC fees, promotion and admin costs	28/08/2026	\$ 3,732.25	\$ 2,682.25	\$ 1,900.00
15	Opera Otago	Opera Otago's 70th Birthday Celebrations	Singer & creative personnel remuneration	1/06/2026	\$ 20,824.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
16	Sinhala Literary and Arts Forum NZ Inc	SINHALA LITERARY AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2026	Venue Hire, Production and Audio, Performer Honorariums, Travel and Logistics, Stage & Branding, Marketing and Hospitality	21/06/2026	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
17	Te Ropu Kaitiō Puoro o Aotearoa The Composers Association of New Zealand (CANZ)	CANZ Composer Workshop	Artist/mentor fees/venue hire/rehearsal expenses/final concert	27/08/2026	\$ 38,530.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
18	Wakari Art Group	Wakari Art Group Inc Weekly Get Together	Contribution to venue hire, tutor fees, materials, marketing and equipment costs	4/06/2026	\$ 3,515.99	\$ 2,345.00	\$ 1,745.00
19	West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust	West Harbour Arts Charitable Trust 2026 Artist in Residence	Artist in Residence fee	2/11/2026	\$ 7,660.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
20	Women's Work Art Collective (WWAC)	Amnesia Exhibition	Artist fees, exhibition costs	24/10/2026	\$ 13,490.00	\$ 4,790.00	\$ -
Total cost of all applicants projects					\$ 361,296.74		
Total requested						\$ 74,281.50	
Total available for distribution						\$ 39,700.00	
Total recommended for distribution							\$ 39,700.00
Total funds remaining for distribution							\$ -

iii) 1 mana whenua representative (or their nominee, if mana whenua did not have capacity to sit on the committee at the current time)

iv) 1 or 2 elected officials with appropriate arts knowledge and experience (Mayoral nomination, drawn from Council and/or Community Boards)

b) **Notes** that CCS administration, applicant support, assessment of eligibility, and provision of information to applicants and the Assessment Panel would continue to be done by the Ara Toi/Creative Partnerships team.

Motion carried (CNL/2026/038)

- 5 Applications for the CNZ Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) grants closed on 27 March 2026.
- 6 The Ara Toi/Creative Partnerships team held an arts funding drop-in session in the Community Gallery on February 26th. Potential applicants were able to speak to Creative Advisors in a welcoming space between 11am and 4pm.
- 7 The team is in regular contact with potential and current applicants throughout the year and proactively contacts groups and individuals to check in with their application process.
- 8 Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff before applying for a grant, to receive relevant advice and information.
- 9 Grants applications and relevant report backs are discussed and reviewed by the full team prior to being sent to the Assessment Panel.
- 10 There was additional funding available this round due to the unallocated CCS funding from the September grant round.
- 11 On February 27th there was an open call for expressions of interest to the arts community to be part of the CCS Assessment Panel. This opportunity was telegraphed to arts organisations, past CCS recipients, and was promoted on social media and via the Creative Register.
- 12 The Assessment Panel is made up of 6 representatives and reflects experience in Visual and Object Art, Dance, Theatre, Music, and Pāsifika arts. There is one mana whenua representative, and one youth representative.
- 13 Prior to the decision meeting, training was provided to the Assessment Panel. This was delivered by the Ara Toi team with guidance from CreativeNZ.
- 14 Grant applications and relevant report backs were discussed and reviewed by the full team to confirm eligibility.
- 15 Grants applications and relevant additional information was provided to the Assessment Panel before the decision meeting to review. The Panel were encouraged to send through any questions for staff to answer.
- 16 The Assessment Panel decision meeting was held on May 15th. The meeting was attended by two staff members and administrative support was provided.
- 17 The outcome of the round was emailed to applicants on May 18th.

DISCUSSION

18 Presently, the Fund has two rounds annually: March and September.

19 A total of 27 applications were received for the March 2026 round; 11 were new applicants to the CCS fund.

Applications (new applicants)		
March 2026	September 2025	March 2025
27 (11)	28	26

Table 1. Summary of Creative Communities Scheme grants over the last three funding rounds.

20 19 CCS grants were approved and 8 were declined.

Grant	Number of applications received	Number of applications successful	Total requested	Total available (March 2026)
Creative Communities Scheme	27	19	\$98,053.64	\$48,671.33

Table 2. Summar of Creative Communities Scheme grants, March 2026.

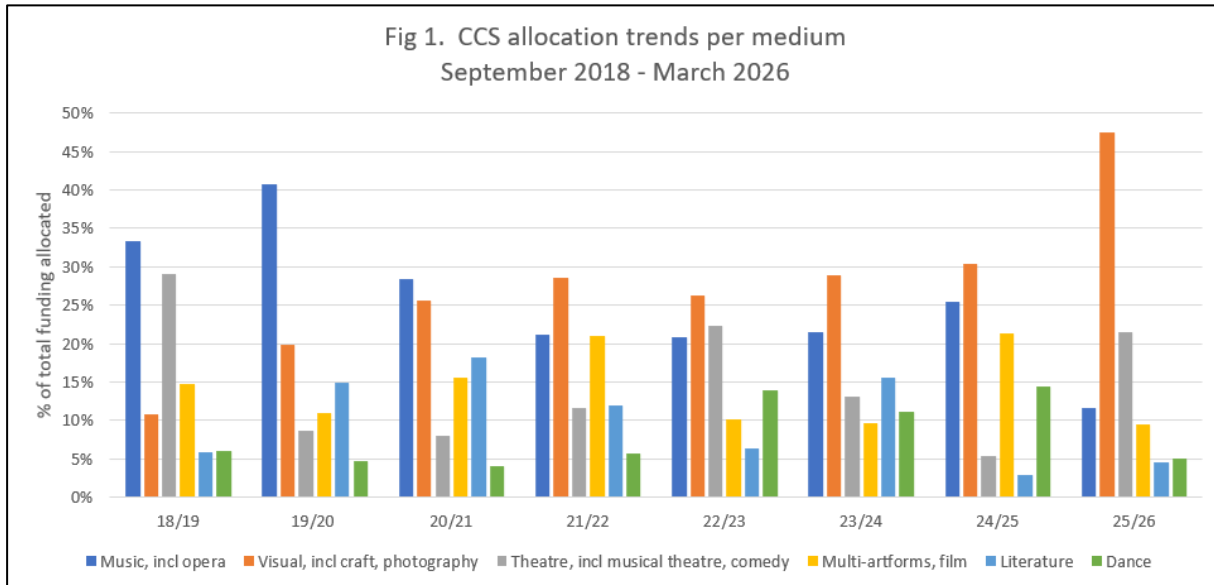
21 Every year, the CCS funding pool is heavily over-subscribed. This round, the funding request is almost double the amount available for allocation.

22 Assessments are based on the CCS scoring matrix and project alignment with the following local priorities:

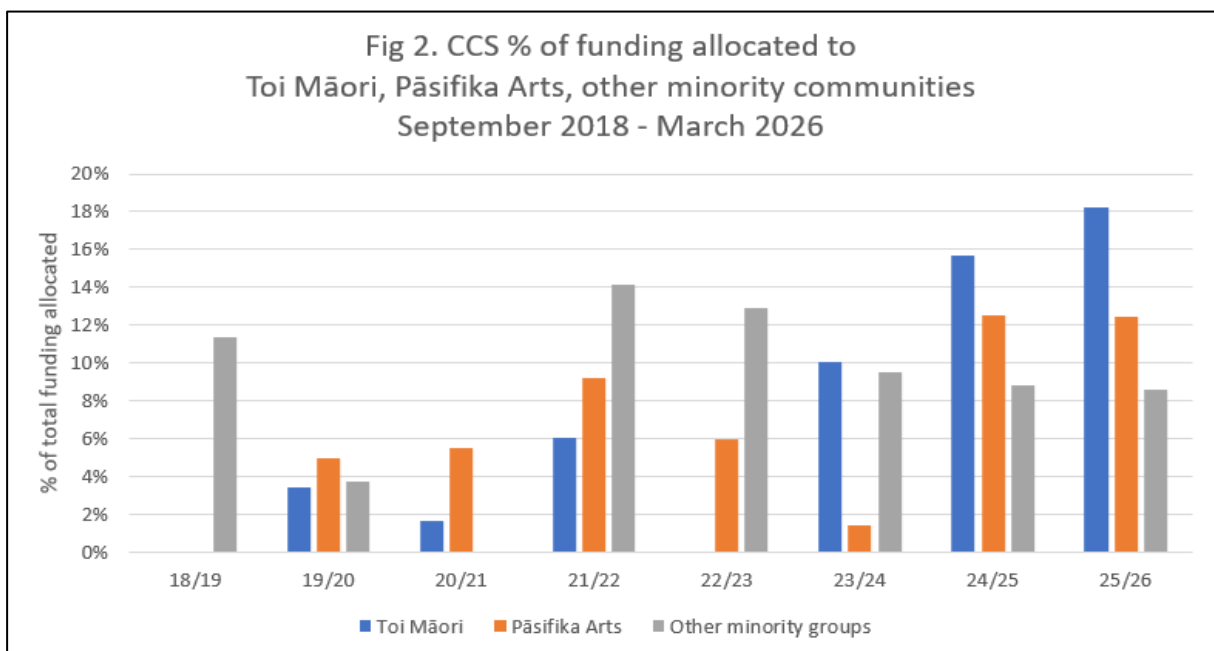
- Local practitioners
- Communities who face barriers accessing creative funding and/or activities
- Geographic spread of projects
- New projects and/or first-time applicants
- Dance
- Literature

23 The funding decisions by the CCS Assessment Panel was informed by these local priorities, and the intention to support local practitioners for whom funding options are limited.

24 The intent of the CCS Fund is to primarily support community-focussed, grassroots activities and the large number of applications to this pool highlights the breadth of creative expression across Ōtepoti, as illustrated in **Figure 1**.



- 25 This round, there is a high representation of Visual Arts, and an increase in Theatre projects for the first time since 2022/23.
- 26 After identifying in 2022 that Māori and Pāsifika applicants were underrepresented in both applications received and funding distributed, it is positive to see these results conveyed in **Figure 2**. Ongoing staff outreach and work to minimise and/or remove barriers for potential applicants has been a large factor in this change.



- 27 The funding outcomes conveyed in **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** highlights the ongoing value and opportunity that the CCS fund provides to arts disciplines and communities who are often underrepresented in public funding rounds.

OPTIONS

- 28 There are no options as this is a noting report.

NEXT STEPS

- 29 Staff have processed the payments for the Creative Communities Scheme Fund in line with the outcomes of this report.

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

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Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Funding decisions made by the Assessment Panel allow creative communities to engage in diverse arts and cultural activities. These activities support a vibrant and creative city described in strategies, policies, and plans such as Ara Toi Otepoti, the Festivals and Events Plan, and the Ōtepoti Live Music Action Plan.

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Sustainability

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Community Boards

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March 2026 Creative New Zealand Creative Communities Scheme Grants							
No	Name of organisation	Bank Account name	Name of service/project	When does your project start?	Total Costs	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1	Abram Hunter	Abram Hunter	Battle Magazine Issue 7	1/06/2026	\$ 11,020.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	Anne Baldock and Sarah Ellis	Anne Baldock	National Youth Portrait Prize	1/06/2026	\$ 26,431.42	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,105.00
3	Bandquest Charitable Trust	Bandquest Charitable Trust	Rockhop Bandquest Otago	29/08/2026	\$ 25,290.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
4	Bryony Matthews	Bryony Constance Matthews	Brain Storm: A Musical Journey Through Head Injury Recovery	1/06/2026	\$ 3,114.50	\$ 2,439.50	\$ -
5	Cap'n Spoonbill & The HoHo	TBC	Aotearoa Sea Shanties	1/06/2026	\$ 62,240.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
6	dance.happy.doom.crew	Joerg Daniel Bendt	Darkfest Rangatahi Rumble 2026	29/08/2026	\$ 3,221.10	\$ 2,444.75	\$ 1,500.00
7	Dunedin Art Instrument	Dunedin Chinese Art/Instrument Assoc	Chinese Workshops and Music Instrument Performances	1/06/2026	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ -
8	Dunedin Edinburgh Sister City Society	Dunedin Edinburgh Sister City Soc	Celebrate St Andrews Day 2026	28/11/2026	\$ 12,848.94	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,400.00
9	Dunedin Folk Club	New Edinburgh Folk Club	Whare Flat Folk Festival 26/27	30/12/2026	\$ 81,402.75	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
10	Dunedin Midwinter Celebrations	Dunedin Midwinter Celebrations Trust	Dunedin Midwinter Carnival 2026	12/06/2026	\$ 244,500.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -
11	East Otago Musical Theatre Inc	East Otago Musical Theatre Inc	Let Us Entertain You	7/07/2026	\$ 55,099.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
12	Elizabeth Ann Breslin	Elizabeth Ann Breslin	QUEER COWS	1/06/2026	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 2,530.00
13	Justina King	Justina King	Makeshift: DIY Fashion and Sustainability Festival	17/07/2026	\$ 31,766.84	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 3,870.00
14	KiDiStuff Theatre For Children	KiDiStuff Theatre For Children Inc	KiDiStuff Presents - Amalia's Music in Ōtepoti	20/11/2026	\$ 12,771.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
15	Late Bloomers	Late Bloomers Productions	Letdown Show and Workshop	1/08/2026	\$ 6,475.00	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,396.33
16	Lisa Wilkinson	Lisa Wilkinson T/A RASA SCHOOL OF DANCE	Rasa Showcase 2026	6/12/2026	\$ 26,552.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
17	Music Education Otago	Otago Society for Music Education	MEO Ōtepoti Dunedin Ukulele Jam 2026	12/10/2026	\$ 8,710.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,410.00
18	Nicola Brown	Nicola Tracey Brown	Invisible Women	15/10/2026	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
19	Penina o le Moana	Penina o le Moana	Penina o le Moana Showcase	1/12/2026	\$ 24,550.00	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 4,000.00
20	Performing Arts Community Trust (PACT)	Performing Arts Community Trust (PACT)	Suite Aotearoa	16/11/2026	\$ 6,234.39	\$ 4,374.39	\$ 2,500.00
21	Quarantine Island Kaitiaki Taurua Community Inc	Quarantine Island Kaitiaki Taurua Community	Quarantine Island Kaitiaki Taurua Kite Festival	20/02/2027	\$ 14,430.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00
22	Rauretī Ormond	Rauretī Ormond	Grass Roots	15/10/2026	\$ 8,430.50	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -
23	Siau-Jun	Siau-Jun Lim	Painting with Residents	6/06/2026	\$ 4,783.80	\$ 2,920.00	\$ 2,920.00
24	Turama Ite Ara Performing Arts	Turama Ite Ara Performing Arts	Cook Island Language week schools tour	3/08/2026	\$ 10,399.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
25	Tūturu Charitable Trust	Tūturu Charitable Trust	Calm the World. Hine Putehūe	4/07/2026	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
26	Winterstellar Charitable Trust	Winterstellar Charitable Trust	Rangi Takō Winterstellar Exhibition	31/08/2026	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
27	Women's Work Art Collective (WWAC)	Linda Cook	Amnesia	24/10/2026	\$ 13,490.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total cost of all applicants projects					\$ 720,590.24		
Total requested					\$ 98,053.64		
Total available for distribution					\$ 48,671.33		
Total recommended for distribution					\$ 48,671.33		
Total funds remaining for distribution							\$ -

DCC COMMUNITY GRANTS ALLOCATED - \$5,000 AND UNDER AND SMALL GRANTS REPORT

Department: Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 This report summarises the Community Grants (under \$5k) that have been approved by staff, under delegation up to 30 April 2026. This includes:
 - a) Community Grants (up to \$5k)
 - b) Small Project Grants (up to \$500), and
 - c) Neighbourhood Matching Grants (up to \$500).
- 2 Council confirmed its preferred governance structure for grants as, Grants Subcommittee, Staff Delegations and Council Oversight. Staff can now approve small grants (under \$5k) under this delegation.
- 3 This report summarises the small grants approved by staff (under \$5k) by the Community Partnerships team, since the delegation until 30 April 2026.
- 4 A list of approved Community Grants and Small Project and Neighbourhood Matching grants are provided in the following attachments (A and B).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Notes** the small grants approved from the DCC's Community Partnerships team (up to 30 April 2026).
- b) **Notes** the grants allocated between 1 December 2025 and 30 April 2026 for Small Project and Neighbourhood Matching Grants (Attachment B).

BACKGROUND

- 5 Council confirmed its preferred governance structure for grants as:

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- e) **Confirms** its preferred Governance Structure for Grant Decisions is a Grants Subcommittee + Staff Delegations + Council Oversight where:

- i) Staff allocate small grants under delegation.
- ii) A Grants Subcommittee (which include community representatives) allocates mid-tier grants, multi-year and large grants.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Mandy Mayhem, Andrew Simms, Mickey Treadwell and Steve Walker (8).

Against: Crs Cherry Lucas, Russell Lund, Benedict Ong, Lee Vandervis, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (6).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes to 6

Motion carried (CNL/2026/001)

- 6 Applications for the DCC Community Grant fund opened on 2 March and closed on 27 March 2026.
- 7 Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff before applying for a grant, to receive relevant advice and information.
- 8 All grant applications undergo a rigorous assessment to ensure full compliance with the grant criteria as outlined on the DCC's website, as well as the DCC's Grants Management Policy (2019). The assessment process provides assurance that grant applicants are eligible and that the required documentation such as financial records, are received as part of their application.
- 9 The current Grants Management Policy (2019) is undergoing a review and this work is being led by the DCC's Corporate Policy team.

DISCUSSION

Summary of Community Grants – March 2026

- 10 Community Grants has two rounds each calendar year – March and August.
- 11 The March 2026 funding round received 29 applications (Attachment A), which is less than the September 2025 round when we received 41 applications.
- 12 Only one application was 'declined' as it did not meet the Community Grant's eligibility criteria.

Grant Fund Name	Number of Grant Applications Received	Number Withdrawn	Total Requested	Total Available (March 2025 Round)
Community Grants	29	0	\$127,056.02	\$96,450.00

Table 1. Summary of Community Grants Applications and funding, March 2026.

- 13 Staff are not aware of any issues as to why the numbers have decreased but acknowledge that the as Community Grants closed just before Easter and school holidays, this may have impacted on people’s capacity to apply.

Analysis of Community Grants (under \$5k) over the Past Five Years

- 14 To investigate this further, staff reviewed the number of Community Grant applications received over the past five years (FY 2022-2026). Figure 1 shows that Community Grant applications have fluctuated over this period with an overall upward trend, followed by increased variability in later years.
- 15 FY 2022 recorded relatively low application numbers, with a gradual decline and a low point of 23 applications in September 2022. Staff have proposed a likely explanation for this was COVID related impacts on applicant’s capacity and confidence to access funding.
- 16 From FY 2023 onwards, applications increased steadily, rising through March 2023 (31), September 2023 (32), and March 2024 (34), suggesting recovery and growing awareness of the grants.
- 17 The highest demand occurred in September 2024, with 46 applications, representing the peak across the entire period and indicating heightened funding demand or increased grants’ visibility.
- 18 Following this peak, application numbers fluctuated but remained higher than early years, with 37 in March 2025, 41 in September 2025, and 29 in March 2026.

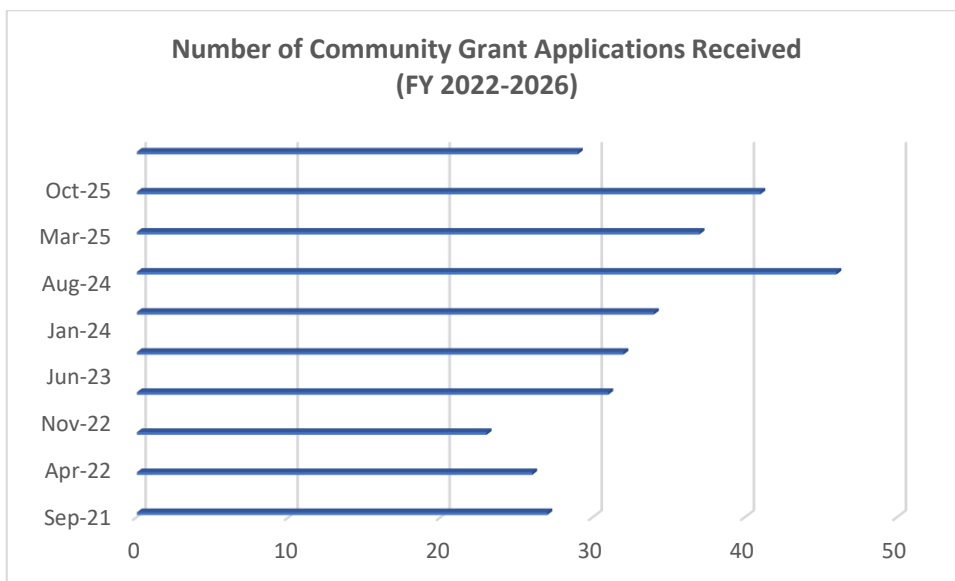


Figure 1: General review of grant applications received FY 2022-2026

- 19 Of the 29 applications received in March 2026, 11 were from local Ōtepoti/Dunedin organisations, while the remaining applicants represented organisations supported by regional (5) and/or national (13) entities. A total of three applications (10%) came from first-time applicants to the DCC Community Grants fund.
- 20 A review of the March cohort (Figure 2) showed that 40% of applications sought support from the health sector, marking a shift from the March 2025 round, where a significant portion of applicants were from the social service sector. The second-largest sector represented was Social and Community Services (31%), followed by Education (14%) and Disability and Former Refugees and Migrants (6%) each.

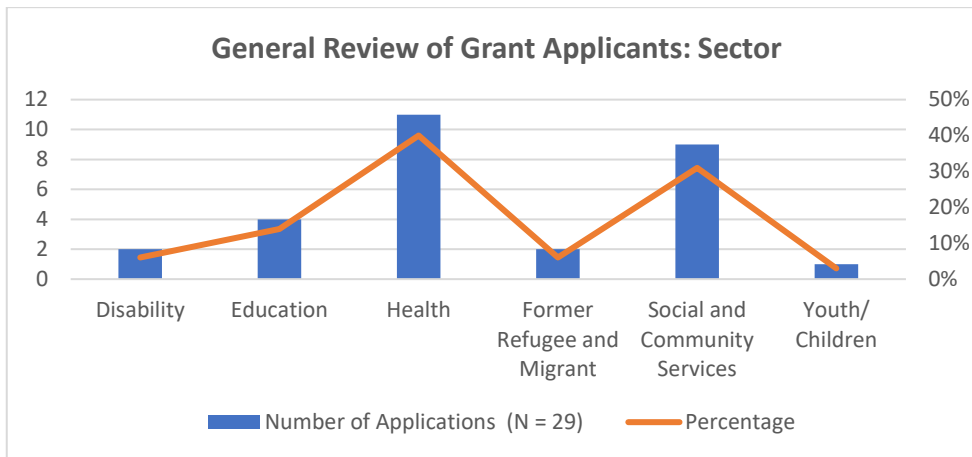


Figure 2: General review of grant applicants, Community Grants March 2026 round.

- 21 In March 2026, most applications came from groups that provide services and support for all priority groups identified in the DCC’s Social Wellbeing Strategy, while also offering broader local community support.
- 22 In reviewing applications aligned with each of the priority groups of the DCC’s Social Wellbeing Strategy, three applications were submitted by groups dedicated to supporting Pacific communities, former refugees, and migrants. There were 12 applications that strongly emphasised meeting the needs of children, young people, and families, while six focused on serving the disability community.
- 23 There were no applications specifically dedicated to 'Older Persons.' However, it was noted that several applications providing general community services would also cater to the needs of older individual, such as The Order of St John.
- 24 All 29 grant applications have been thoroughly reviewed by staff. While direct meetings with every applicant was not possible, each application was carefully assessed to ensure its compliance with the DCC’s Community Grants criteria (as outlined on the DCC’s website), and the conditions set out in the DCC’s Grants Management Policy (2019). The review process included verifying that each group could contribute at least 30% of the funding for the project or service for which they are seeking a grant. For applicants that staff have met with directly, extra details have been included with the grants review material in Fund Consult.
- 25 Returning applicants who received a DCC Community Grant in 2025, have had their report backs reviewed by staff to confirm their eligibility for the March 2026 round. Each report back report is provided with a reference number which has been logged in the applicant’s assessment information for reference.

Summary of Small Project and Neighbourhood Matching Grants approved between 1 December 2025 and 30 April 2026

Grant Fund Name	Number of Grant Applications Received (2025/2026FY)	Number Withdrawn	Total Requested	Total remaining this FY
Small Project Grants	6	0	\$5,162.01	\$1,058.87
Neighbourhood Matching Grants	5	0		

Table 2. Update on approved Small Grants as of 30 April 2026.

- 26 Small Project and Neighbourhood Grants are for grants up to a maximum of \$500. Funding for both grant schemes is allocated from the annual Community Grants budget, with a total of \$10,000 allocated each financial year.
- 27 The Small Project Fund offers a quick response option for applicants. Its criteria are the same as the DCC’s Community Grants scheme and following assessment and approval, staff facilitate the payment directly to groups.
- 28 The Neighbourhood Matching Grants are designed for informal, local groups. The remaining \$500 is expected to come from the community either through another grant or volunteer contributions. Following that assessment and approval of a Neighbourhood Matching Grant, staff then facilitate the purchase of items which is usually the cost of food and/or equipment hire such as a barbeque.
- 29 The approved amounts for both grants vary, as detailed in Attachment B, ranging from \$200 to \$500.
- 30 An update of the Small Project and Neighbourhood Matching Grants approved since 1 December 2025 and up to 30 April 2026 is provided in Attachment B and summarised in Table 2.

Accountability

- 31 Community Grant recipients are required to submit a ‘Report Back’ within 12 months of receiving their grant. Applicants must also do this before they apply for any other DCC grant and staff actively check and monitor report backs.
- 32 Report Backs ensure accountability while recognising the vital contributions that communities make to residents’ wellbeing. Staff also review report backs to confirm that the grants have been used for their original intended purposes.
- 33 Neighbourhood Matching Grant recipients are not required to submit a formal ‘Report Back,’ as payments are managed directly by DCC staff. However, grant recipients typically provide a short summary of their project or neighbourhood activity, offering valuable insights into how communities are sustaining community connections.

OPTIONS

- 34 There are no options as this is a noting report.

NEXT STEPS

- 35 Staff are processing payments for Community, Small Project and Neighbourhood Matching Grants in line with this report.
- 36 Staff are in the process of assessing City Service, City Project grants for approval by the Grants Subcommittee.

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Attachments

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS
Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the social, economic, environment and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Staff are delegated to allocate grants up to \$5k and in line with the approved grants budget. These grant decisions directly support community groups to deliver on projects, services and activities that support local residents' wellbeing and contributes to many of the DCC's strategies and plans.

Māori Impact Statement

Te Taki Haruru, the DCC's Māori Strategic Framework outlines the aspirations for Māori living in Ōtepoti Dunedin. Many of the grant applications contribute to these aspirations by way of the services and activities that they deliver on. In making grant decisions, the Subcommittee includes representation as appointed by mana whenua to ensure all grant decisions include mana whenua perspectives.

Sustainability

There are no negative implications for sustainability, with some grant applications positively contributing to sustainable goals for their local community.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

Grants are part of the DCC's Levels of Service and are included in the DCC's LTP and Annual Plans.

Financial considerations

There are no financial considerations as grants are allocated according to the DCC's grants budget approved by Council.

Significance

The significance of the decision related to grants has been assessed as 'low'.

Engagement – external

No internal or external engagement has taken place related to grants. Internal checks by staff from relevant DCC teams has occurred to ensure that applicants have not applied to more than one grant fund.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Engagement - internal

The teams consulted with include the Events, Ara Toi and Waste Minimisation.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

The risks related to grants is considered low as applicants have to provide financial and group information to be eligible to apply.

Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest have been noted by staff in accordance to the DCC's Conflict of Interest policy. The Subcommittee manages its Conflicts of Interest in accordance to the DCC's Conflict of Interest policy.

Community Boards

There are no implications for Community Boards. There are some applicants who are located within the Community Boards areas.

Community Grants September 2025					
No	Name of organisation	Name of your service/project	Purpose of Funding - brief overview. Example: Contribution towards... salary/ programme/ service	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Anglican Family Care	Caregiving for At-Risk Tamariki	A contribution towards the Caregiver Liaison Social Workers salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
2	Bowel Cancer New Zealand	Supporting Dunedin bowel cancer patients and their whanau	A contribution towards the support nurse salary and the Patient Wellbeing Programme	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
3	Catholic Social Services	Social Work and Whanau Support	A contribution towards operational costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
4	Connecting Otago Charitable Trust	Dunedin Timebank Community Building Project (Extension)	A contribution towards running costs and Community Coordinator salary	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,000.00
5	Deaf Aotearoa Holdings Ltd (Otago Branch)	Ensuring the Deaf community has access to the same information, services and assistance that other New Zealanders do	A contribution to operational costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
6	Diabetes New Zealand	Operational costs for Diabetes New Zealand Otago Office	A contribution towards the Otago Regional Operations and salary costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
7	Disability Information Service Inc	Health and Disability Information Consultant	A contribution towards the Health and Disability Information Consultant's wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
8	Disabled Persons Assembly	Building Resilience: Community Forums for Disabled People in Ōtepoti	A contribution towards overall costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
9	Dunedin Chinese Language & Cultural Trust	Operational Support 2025/2026	A contribution towards rent and wages	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
10	Dunedin Community Transport Trust	Wages of paid part time coordinator	A Contribution towards the wages of the coordinator	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
11	Dunedin Curtain Bank Trust	Dunedin Curtain Bank	A contribution towards the Manager's wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
12	Dunedin South Community Patrol	Dunedin South Community Patrol	A contribution towards operation costs of the vehicle	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
13	East Otago Events Centre	Defibrillator	To purchase a defibrillator for the East Otago Events Centre	\$ 3,170.43	\$ 2,500.00
14	Good Bitches Baking (Trust)	GBB Dunedin Programmes	A contribution towards the costs of running the Dunedin programmes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
15	Hearing Support Otago (The Hearing Association Dunedin Branch Inc)	Hearing Support Otago - Staff Wages	A contribution towards the fieldworker/Education and the Administrator/Tutor's wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
16	Heart Kids New Zealand	Delivery of Heart Kids Services in Otago	A contribution towards essential operating and service delivery costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
17	Kōkōmuka Harwood Community Garden Manatopu Inc	Kōkōmuka Harwood Community Garden	A contribution to help set up a community garden in Kōkōmuka Harwood	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

18	Life Education Trust Heartland Otago Southland Inc	Delivery of the Healthy Harold Programme in Dunedin Primary Schools	A contribution towards overall costs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
19	Mosgiel Memorial RSA Inc	Mosgiel Memorial RSA - Office Administrator Wages	A contribution towards the Office Administrator Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
20	Neighbours Day Aotearoa Charitable Trust	Neighbours Aotearoa 2026	A contribution towards the operating costs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
21	New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Waikouaiti Group Inc (membership group)	Wage contribution for Waikouaiti Riding for the Disabled	A contribution towards the Horse Manager's wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
22	OneCoast Inc	OneCoast Incorporated	A contribution towards wages	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
23	Otago Multiple Sclerosis Society	Otago Multiple Sclerosis Society: Community Connectors Salary	A contribution towards the salary of the Community Connector	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
24	Parkinson's New Zealand (Lisa Hawes)	Wrap-around support for people with Parkinson's	A contribution towards the salary of the Parkinson's Educator in Dunedin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
25	People First New Zealand Inc. - Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi	Building Capability within People First Dunedin members	To help with operating costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
26	Port Chalmers Swim Club Inc	Port Chalmers Swim Club Wages Support	A contribution towards the coaches wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
27	Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade	Emergency First Responder Vehicle	A contribution towards the purchase of a first response four-wheel-drive utility with FENZ livery, associated fit-out, and garaging at the Portobello Volunteer Fire Station	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
28	Rape Crisis (Dunedin) Inc T/A Ōtepoti Communities Against Sexual Abuse (ŌCASA)	ŌCASA Survivor Support Medical Fund	A contribution towards helping their clients access medical costs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
29	Saddle Hill Foundation Trust	Saddle Hill Foundation Trust Community Work	A contribution towards the running of the three community Programmes including salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
30	Senior-Link	Day Activity Centre for frail, socially isolated elderly people	Contribution towards the wages of the Activity Leader	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
31	Southern Cancer Society Trust	Cancer Society Dunedin Supportive Care Programme	Contribution of overall costs of the programme	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
32	Stopping Violence Dunedin	Neurodivergent Women's Support Group	A contribution towards the costs of SVD's general operations and to cover the costs of the facilitators for the Neurodivergent Women's Support Group	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,450.00
33	SuperGrans SuperSkills Dunedin Charitable Trust	SuperGrans SuperSkills Dunedin Charitable Trust Community Programmes	A contribution towards staff wages to continue supporting the community	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
34	Synergy Wellbeing Education Charitable Trust	Ōtepoti Community Wellness Hub	A contribution towards wages for Hub manager	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
35	Te Kohanga Reo o Whakaari	Te Kōhanga Reo o Whakaari Whānau Hākinakina Day 2026	A contribution towards costs of whānau/sports day	\$ 4,790.01	\$ 4,000.00
36	Taieri Fit and Fun Group	Taieri Fit and Fun Group	Contribution towards the rent of the fitness room	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
37	The Moray Foundation Trust (anonymous)	Moray Foundation Trust Coordination Support	A contribution towards administrative services; specifically accounting services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

38	The Nest Collective NZ Charitable Trust	Pēpi packs for families in need	A contribution to cover the costs of the essential items in the pēpi packs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
39	The Royal NZ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Health People, Healthy Animals - Community Desexing Vouchers for Dunedin Residents	A contribution towards free companion animal de-sexing vouchers for Dunedin families experiencing financial hardship	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
40	The Work Opportunities Trust	Wages	Contribution towards staff wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
41	Wellness Empathy Kindness Aotearoa Trust	Community hauora/wellbeing sessions	A contribution towards the costs of the weekly support/education group sessions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
			Total Requested	\$ 180,760.44	
			Total Available for Distribution	\$ 96,450.00	
			Total Recommended for Distribution		\$ 96,450.00
			Total Funds Remaining for Distribution		\$ -

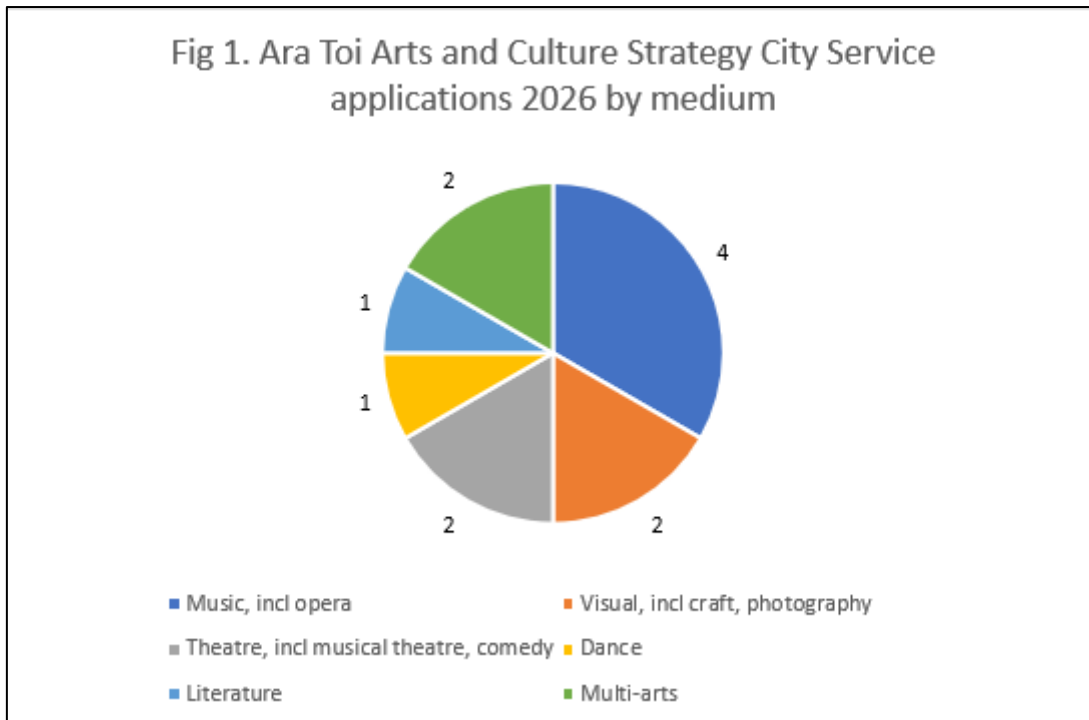
Small Project and Neighbourhood Support							
Small Community Grants							
No.	Organisation	Project	Date of Event	Purpose of Grant	Project Cost	Amt. Req \$	Amount Paid
1	Give to Grow Ōtepoti	Improve Transformational Component of the Operating Systems	1/08/2025	Aims to improve the transformational component of our operating systems by enhancing our collection of both physical and digital materials.	\$ 2,838.55	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2	New Zealand Tongan Tertia	Amatakila annual national conference	4/09/2025	To contribute to the cultural and creative elements of the event.	\$ 21,984.20	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3	Strath Taieri Food Fairies	Living Well Living Ready	14/11/2025	To pay the speaker fee for the free public workshop.	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00
4	Green Island Community Network	Green Island Community G	1/10/2025	To help purchase a polycarb cover on the trailer to seed raise.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5	Otago Samoan Student' Association (OSSA)	Quiz Night	18/10/2025	To help with the costs of a quiz night for all nationalities	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6	Otago Vintage Machinery Club	Update of Shelves	29/10/2025	To update the display shelves	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
7	Taste Nature Social Enterprise	Open Gardens	25/10/2025	To help with the costs of the Open Gardens	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
8	Dunedin Aphasia Support Group	Dunedin Aphasia Support Group	18/11/2025	To help with running costs	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
						Total	\$ 3,960.00
Neighbourhood Matching Grants							
No.	Organisation	Project	Date of Event	Purpose of Grant	Project Cost	Amt. Req \$	Amount Paid (GST Excl)
1	Jorinde Rapsey	Midwinter Partner for the Neighbours	26/07/2025	To have a gathering for all the neighbours.	\$ 1,326.40	\$ 425.12	\$ 425.68
2	East Otago Blokes Shed Inc	Men's Health Expo	8/11/2025	To engage with local men on physical and mental health	\$ 1,264.50	\$ 464.50	\$ 403.90
						Total	\$ 829.58

- The organisation significantly contributes to achieving the strategic objectives of Ara Toi Ōtepoti and other city strategies.
- Provide a unique service for creative practitioners and the wider city community.
- They are critical to the long-term sustainability of Ōtepoti’s creative ecosystem.
- Demonstrates community support, building partnerships and collaborations with other organisations.
- They have effective and efficient governance with a presence in Dunedin.

DISCUSSION

- 10 The Fund is the only source of DCC grant funding that supports operational costs for Ōtepoti’s arts, creative, and cultural organisations.
- 11 Prior to 2015, large arts sector organisations in receipt of regular Creative New Zealand funding (the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra and the, now defunct, Fortune Theatre Company) were funded through Service Level Agreements. The security of the multi-year funding agreements supported strategic planning and sustainable development processes in the organisations.
- 12 The 2023 Creative New Zealand (CNZ) review of its grants funding model recognises the problems that short-term and project/outcomes-based funding exacerbates:
- “[CNZ] acknowledge[s] the uncertainty that artists and arts organisations often operate within. The change in focus flows through the [new funding] programmes, with an emphasis on vision and purpose, valuing artists’ time, supporting longer-term development.”
- 13 CreativeNZ is presently undergoing an organisational and funding restructure which will see funding distributed at a regional level across the country. The framework for this change is not finalised. As a result, there is uncertainty across the sector, locally and nationally, for both artists and arts organisations.
- 14 Applications have been received from 12 organisations with a total request of \$375,527.84. In the past three years, new applicants have entered the funding pool: Dance Ōtepoti, the Dunedin Jazz Foundation, the Māori and Pāsifika Education Trust, and this year, the Dunedin Youth Orchestra.

15 Figure 1 reflects the applications received in the 2026 round, by medium:



16 The disciplines best represented this round is Music (including Opera), followed by an equal representation from Multi-arts, Theatre (including musical theatre, comedy) and Visual Arts (including craft and photography).

17 The allocation of this funding across arts organisations is skewed by the inclusion of the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) in this contestable funding pool. It is important to note that while the size of request from the DSO is proportionately greater than other applicants, the total cost of the DSO programme and subsequent economic return means that the request is a small portion of the overall annual budget.

18 Staff meet and speak with applicants throughout the year.

19 Staff have used the following questions to assist them when assessing applications and prioritising funding recommendations:

- Does this group provide creative pathways for young people and for those who face additional barriers to accessing arts, culture, and creative activities?
- Is the group providing opportunities for learning, innovation, and pastoral/professional support for creative practitioners and audiences?
- What risks would an organisation face were it not funded to an adequate level?
- Is the organisation active in seeking additional funding/revenue streams?

OPTIONS

20 There are no options as the Subcommittee is delegated to make decisions related to grants.

NEXT STEPS

- 21 Staff will advise applicants of the Subcommittee’s decisions and administer the payment of the Fund.

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Attachments

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the social, economic, environment and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The grants' decisions support the implementation of the Ōtepoti Live Music Action Plan and allow groups and organisations to deliver activities that contribute to the city's vibrancy and economic development.

Māori Impact Statement

Te Taki Haruru, the DCC's Māori Strategic Framework outlines the aspirations for Māori living in Ōtepoti Dunedin. Many of the grant applications contribute to these aspirations by way of the services and activities that they deliver on. In making grant decisions, the Subcommittee includes representation as appointed by mana whenua to ensure all grant decisions include mana whenua perspectives.

Sustainability

There are no negative implications for sustainability.

Zero carbon

Each grant application will have an impact on carbon across the city but no assessment has been made to determine city wide emissions.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

Grants are part of the DCC's Levels of Service and are included in the DCC's long-term and annual plans and budgets.

Financial considerations

There are no financial considerations as grants are allocated according to the DCC's grants budget approved by Council.

Significance

This decision is considered low in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Engagement – external

No internal or external engagement has taken place related to grants. Internal checks by staff from relevant DCC teams has occurred, to ensure that applicants have met the grant criteria.

CITY SERVICE CITY PROJECT GRANTS 2026/27- SOCIAL SECTOR

Department: Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 This report summarises the social sector grant applications to the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) City Service, City Project Fund for the 2026/27 financial year.
- 2 The Grants Subcommittee (Subcommittee) is responsible for allocating funding in line with the DCC's grants budget and in accordance with the DCC Grants Subcommittee's delegations. This report includes applicant data from the social sector for the City Service, City Project fund for the 2026/27 financial year (Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Decides** the social sector grants to be allocated from the DCC's City Service, City Project 2026/27 Fund.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The amount for the DCC's grants is determined by Council when it sets its budget through its annual or long-term planning process.
- 4 The City Service, City Project fund (Fund) has been delivered by the DCC since 2015, as a contestable grant aimed at organisations, groups and/or peak bodies in Dunedin who deliver essential social services or activities that support Dunedin's community.
- 5 Previous to 2015, funding requests to Council were made through the annual plan process, but there was limited ability to analyse grant requests or evaluate their contribution to the city and residents. It was determined that by establishing this Fund, this would allow more opportunity to understand and acknowledge some of the important roles that these organisations have in contributing to the city's wellbeing.

- 6 In 2021, Council resolved to increase the Fund’s budget at its Council Meeting 31 May 2021, as outlined below;

16 10 YEAR PLAN 2021-31 - FUNDING REQUESTS

A report from Corporate Policy summarised the funding requests received from submitters during the community feedback period on the 10 year plan 2021-31.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

City Services Grants

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Chris Staynes):

That the Council:

Increases the budget allocation for City Service Grants by \$40,000 to a total of \$448,100 in Year 1, thereafter inflation adjusted annually in Years 2 to 10 in the 10 year plan 2021-2031.

Division

The Council voted by division:

- For: Crs David Benson-Pope, Rachel Elder, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Mike Lord, Jules Radich, Chris Staynes, Steve Walker, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Aaron Hawkins (12).
 Against: Crs Sophie Barker, Jim O'Malley and Lee Vandervis (3).
 Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 12 votes to 3

Motion carried (CNL/2021/115)

- 7 The Fund was administered in accordance with Council’s motion in 2021/22 which included a one-off increase of \$40k, after which the fund was inflation adjusted in 2022/23 and in 2023/24.
- 8 In 2024, no adjustments were applied to the Fund to allow Council to finalise its long-term plan (2025-2034), and in respect of the DCC’s Grants Review work programme. This meant that the inflation increase for the Fund was not allocated during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Fund rounds, see Figure 1 below.

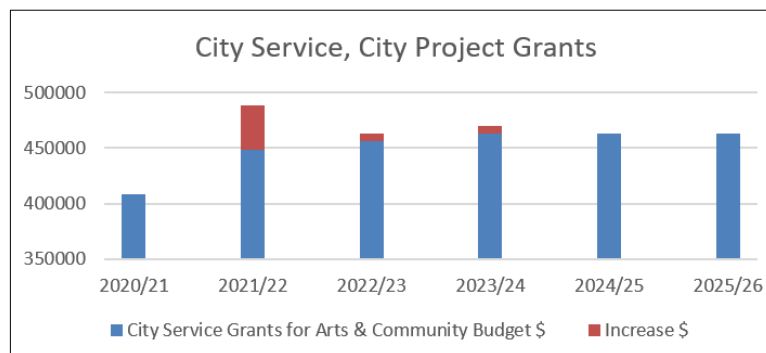


Figure 1: City Service, City Grants Fund as per CNL/2021/115

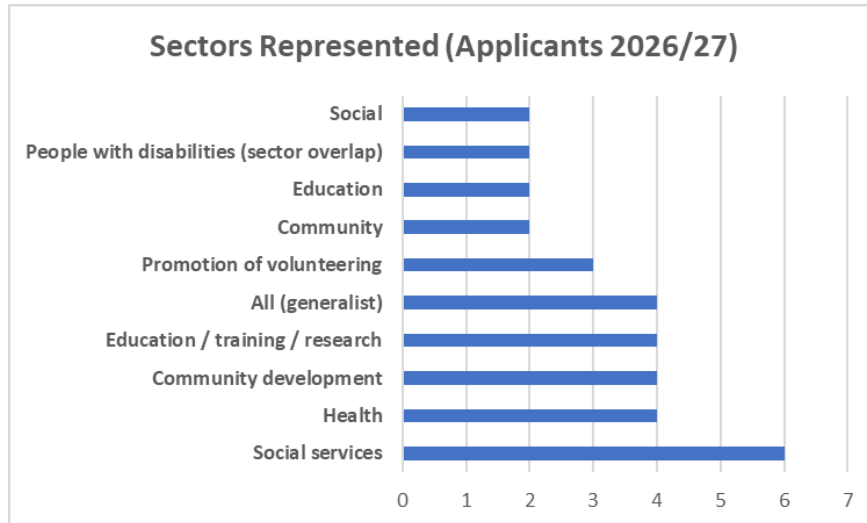


Figure 2: Sectors Represented (Applicants 2026/27)

- 18 In terms of priority groups, the strongest focus among applicants is on the general public (10), Youth (5), children and young people (4), people with disabilities (3), elderly (3) homeless (1) and victim support (1).
- 19 Māori are explicitly identified in three applications, while groups such as Pāsifika and multi-ethnic (including migrants and former refugees) appear less frequently but are still represented. Many applications also indicated broad inclusion reinforcing an accessibility alongside targeted services. Overall, the purpose of funding requests is heavily weighted toward operational costs, staffing, and service delivery, indicating a sector need for sustainability and continuity rather than one-off projects.

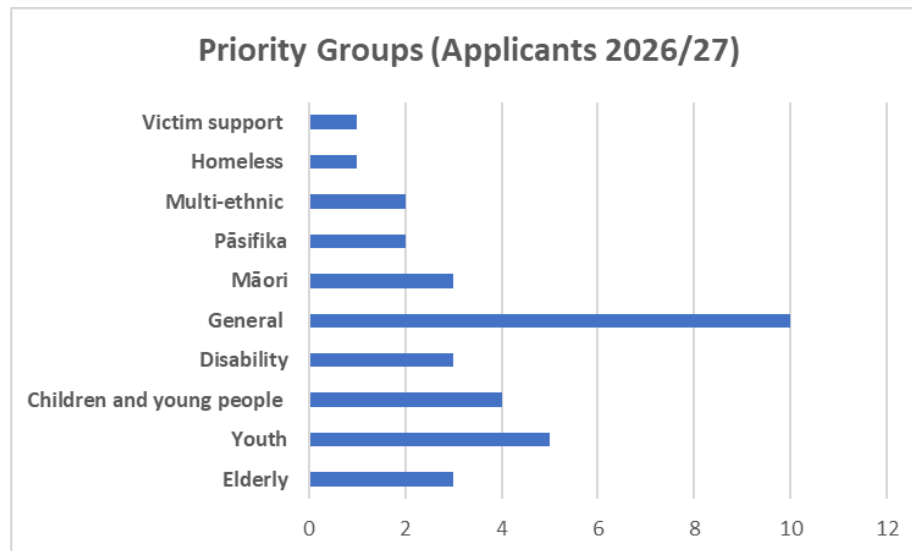


Figure 3: Priority Groups (Applicants 2026/27)

- 20 Referring to the data above, staff have compared this with demographics for Dunedin from Statistics New Zealand and Infometrics (see Attachment B). Below is a snapshot of key highlights.
 - a) **Age** – Dunedin has a large youth cohort particularly in the 20–24-year cohort. While this partly reflects the tertiary sector, this is not the only factor. The 15–19 age group is also

disproportionately large compared to the national average (see Attachment B, Figure 1). This suggests that grant applicants working with and/or supporting youth should be prioritised.

b) **Disability** – Disability indicators for Dunedin, are on average slightly higher on average compared with those for New Zealand (see Attachment B, Figure 2). This suggests applicants working with disabled people should be prioritised.

c) **Ethnicity** – While most ethnic groups in Dunedin have remained stable or shown slight growth over the past decade, the Pākehā/European population has declined slightly. Māori, Pacific and Asian ethnic communities have demonstrated the most significant growth (see Attachment B, Figure 3).

d) **Housing** – Reliable housing deprivation data is limited, but available evidence suggests housing hardship in Dunedin is rising. Between 2018 and 2023, homelessness-related deprivation increased by 21.5% (see Attachment B, Figure 4), pointing to a need for prioritising support for those applicants working with people and communities facing housing insecurity and homelessness.

e) **Unemployment** – In 2025, Dunedin’s unemployment rate was approximately 0.8 percentage points lower than the national average. This difference partly reflected the presence of large, public-sector employers in the health and tertiary education sectors, which limited the increases in unemployment relative to the national level. However, as a smaller city, Dunedin generally offers fewer employment opportunities than larger urban centres, and the local labour market continues to present challenges for some job seekers (see Attachment B, Figure 5).

f) **Employment Growth** – Following the previous point, Dunedin’s employment growth continued to decline in 2025. Employment in Dunedin City measured 66,435 filled jobs in the year to March 2025, down 0.7% from a year earlier. Employment growth in Dunedin City averaged 1.4%pa over the 10 years to 2025 compared with average employment growth of 1.9%pa in New Zealand (See Attachment B, Figure 6).

g) **Medium personal income** – In 2023, Dunedin’s median personal income was \$33,500, compared to \$45,100 nationally (see Attachment B, Figure 7). This gap may contribute to staff retention issues for social sector organisations and intensify cost-of-living pressures.

h) **Personal income by Gender** – In 2023, more males earned \$50,000 or above in Dunedin, while more females earned under \$50,000. This income distribution can have a disproportionate effect on gendered workforces. For example, a significant proportion of professionals in Dunedin’s community sector are women, and this sector typically offers modest remuneration (see Attachment B, Figure 8).

i) **Social Deprivation** – In 2023, 19.7% of Dunedin’s population fell into the most deprived quintile—slightly below the national figure of 20.8%. Despite this, the level of local deprivation is concerning and monitoring of this issue is needed (see Attachment B, Figure 9).

j) **Social Deprivation across Dunedin city in more detail** – Between 2018 and 2023, the number of Dunedin people in high-deprivation areas (deciles 9 and 10) increased. Three deciles—3, 6, and 8—showed no growth, while all others, including the least-deprived groups, did. This data suggests that there is a widening inequality gap in Dunedin (see Attachment B, Figure 10).

DCC Fund's criteria and eligibility

- 21 In the DCC's Grants Management Policy under 3.1 (j), it states; "The DCC may take into consideration any current or previous DCC funding the applicant has received when assessing a grant application. All contestable grants, discretionary funding, loans and any other type of funding received from the DCC must be disclosed as part of a grant application".
- 22 In line with 3.1 (j), staff checked each applicant's DCC funding history and noted that out of the 19 applications to the Fund (2026/2027);
- 8 applicants currently receive a DCC Rates Relief grant,
 - 1 applicant currently receive a DCC Community Grant, and
 - 1 applicant currently receives a DCC Service Level Agreement to administer the Electricity Scheme on behalf of the DCC.
- 23 A review of DCC grants awarded last FY, compared with the current Fund applicants, revealed:
- 15 applicants received a City Service, City Project grant in 2025/2026,
 - 2 applicants received a DCC community or Waste Minimisation in 2025/2026,
 - 2 applicants received a Mayoral donation in 2025/2026,
 - 1 applicant received Community Board Grant in 2025/26, and
 - 3 applicants did not receive any DCC grants and/ or funding in 2025/2026.
- 24 In accordance with section 3.1(j), staff have identified and noted the above funding information for the Subcommittee's information.
- 25 In reviewing the DCC's Grants Management Policy and the criteria set out for the Fund, staff have considered the meaning of '*...unique service / place within community or are considered a peak body*' to assess eligibility. Staff acknowledge that the term "peak body" would benefit from a clearer definition. In the meantime, efforts have been made by staff to ensure that each recommended applicant has demonstrated, through their application, the delivery of a distinct and valuable service in Dunedin. For this purpose, definitions and guiding questions were included in the assessment spreadsheet (Attachment A).
- 26 Where applicable, staff have verified that applicants who have received previous DCC funding have completed their 'Report Backs' (accountability reports). Identification numbers for their reports have been included for the Subcommittee's reference. There are two applicants (DBAS and Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust) who receive DCC funding related to a Service Level Agreement and a Community Grant. Interim updates have been received by staff from DBAS), with complete accountability reports due at the end of their terms from both.

Challenges

- 27 Analysis of applicants' income and expenditure data shows that many applicants have retained central government funding linked to service delivery and, where appropriate, secured support from other funders and philanthropic sources. Collectively, the 19 applicants reported total

income of about \$44 million and expenditure of \$42 million, largely directed toward supporting Dunedin people and communities.

- 28 Some organisations applying to the Fund have recently faced significant reductions in central government funding. This presents a pressing challenge in the context of Dunedin’s current needs (see Point 20).
- 29 Considering the DCC’s role, this Fund remains one of the few grants that can be used for operating costs without contractual obligations tied to service delivery. While it comprises a small percentage of many organisations’ overall income, the Fund plays a vital role in signalling Council’s support. That recognition provides valuable assurance to other potential funders and supports groups to attract funding support from outside the Dunedin area.
- 30 Staff note that the Fund remains heavily contested, indicating a strong and ongoing need for it. The Fund also supports organisations that directly contribute to Council’s Community Outcomes.
- 31 Council’s role in determining appropriate levels of investment in Dunedin’s essential services is critical, as this helps groups attract funding from outside the city while sustaining their service delivery locally.

OPTIONS

- 32 There are no options as the Subcommittee has delegation to make decisions related to grants.

NEXT STEPS

- 33 Staff will advise applicants of the Subcommittee’s decisions and administer the payment of the Fund.

Signatories

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Attachments

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the social, economic, environment and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Subcommittee is delegated to allocate funding within the approved grants budget. The grant decisions directly support community groups to deliver on projects, services and activities that support local residents' wellbeing and contributes to many of the DCC's strategies and plans.

Māori Impact Statement

Te Taki Haruru, the DCC's Māori Strategic Framework outlines the aspirations for Māori living in Ōtepoti Dunedin. Many of the grant applications contribute to these aspirations through the services and activities that they deliver. In making grant decisions, the Subcommittee includes representation as appointed by mana whenua to ensure all grant decisions include mana whenua perspectives.

Sustainability

There are no negative implications for sustainability, with some grant applications positively contributing to sustainable goals for their local community.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

Grants are part of the DCC's Levels of Service and are included in the DCC's long-term and annual plans and budgets.

Financial considerations

There are no financial considerations as grants are allocated according to the DCC's grants budget approved by Council.

Significance

The significance of the decision related to grants has been assessed as 'low'.

Engagement – external

No internal or external engagement has taken place related to grants. Internal checks by staff from relevant DCC teams has occurred, to ensure that applicants have met the grant criteria.

City Service Grants Social Sector 26/27							
#	Name of organisation	Bank Account Name	Name of service/project	Purpose of Funding	Strategic Fit	Total Expenditure - from Charities Register or application	Amount Requested
1	Age Concern Otago	Age Concern Otago Inc	Supporting our Precious Elders in Dunedin	A contribution towards operational, programme delivery and salary costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 891,898.00	\$ 35,000.00
2	Citizens Advice Bureau Dunedin Inc	Citizens Advice Bureau Dunedin Inc	Citizens Advice Bureau Dunedin Managers Salary	A contribution towards the Dunedin Managers Salary	Social Wellbeing	\$ 83,158.00	\$ 25,000.00
3	Drug Injecting Services in Canterbury Trust	Drug Injecting Services in Canterbury Trust	Community Health Clinic	A contribution towards the operational costs of the Dunedin Health Clinic	Social Wellbeing	\$ 2,981,115.00	\$ 20,000.00
4	Dunedin Budget Advisory Service	Dunedin Budget Advisory Service	Delivery of free financial mentoring services	A contribution towards the wages of the DBAS's qualified Financial Mentors	Social Wellbeing	\$ 164,270.00	\$ 20,000.00
5	Dunedin Community Accounting	Dunedin Community Accounting	DCA Coordination	A contribution towards the DCA coordinator costs and room equipment hire	Social Wellbeing	\$ 21,994.00	\$ 8,000.00
6	Dunedin Community House Inc	Dunedin Community House Inc	DCH Operational Costs	A contribution towards the DCH operational costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 442,369.00	\$ 50,000.00
7	Dunedin Night Shelter Trust	Dunedin Night Shelter Trust	Dunedin Night Shelter	A contribution towards the Night Supervisor staff wages	Social Wellbeing	\$ 393,354.00	\$ 30,000.00
8	Ko ngā Rourou Manaaki	Ko ngā Rourou Manaaki	Araiteuru Manaakitanga Community Engagement Pōwhiri Project	A contribution towards two pōwhiri costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 14,320.00	\$ 12,600.00
9	Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust	Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust	Ongoing suicide prevention, intervention and post intervention services	A contribution towards the operational costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 1,106,020.00	\$ 20,000.00
10	Methodist Mission Southern	Methodist Mission Southern	Ōtepoti Youth Transition House	A contribution towards the operation costs of the Ōtepoti Youth Transition House	Social Wellbeing	\$ 559,201.00	\$ 20,000.00
11	Ōtepoti Community Builders	Presbyterian Support Services Otago (fund holders only)	Ōtepoti Community Builders work programme 2026/27	A contribution towards the operating costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 500.00	\$ 15,000.00
12	Our Food Network Ōtepoti	Our Food Network Dunedin (OFN) Inc	Connecting Ōtepoti' s local food systems	A contribution towards the Project Manager and administration costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 32,371.00	\$ 50,180.00
13	Presbyterian Support Otago Inc - Integrated Practice Accelerator	Presbyterian Support Services Otago (fund holder)	Co-Ordinator Salary	A contribution towards the Co-ordinator salary costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 96,100.00	\$ 20,000.00

14	Red Frogs NZ	Red Frogs New Zealand Trust	Red Frogs Dunedin Operations	A contribution towards the wages of the Dunedin Coordinator	Social Wellbeing	\$ 182,742.00	\$ 26,000.00
15	Te Hou Ora Whānau Services	Te Hou Ora Whānau Services Ltd	Projects Administrator - Fixed Term	A contribution towards the Projects Administrator role	Social Wellbeing	\$ 3,844,574.00	\$ 50,000.00
16	The Hills Radio Trust	The Hills Radio Trust	Otago Access Radio (OAR FM)	A contribution towards the OAR FM Managers salary	Social Wellbeing	\$ 495,789.00	\$ 50,000.00
17	Victim Support NZ Inc/Manaaki Tāngata Aotearoa Manatōpū	Victim Support NZ Ltd	Supporting Victims of crime and traumatic events in Dunedin	A contribution towards the overall costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 30,045,648.00	\$ 25,000.00
18	Volunteer South/Kaituao O te Taitonga	Volunteer South/Kaituao O te Taitonga	2026/2027 Operating Costs	A contribution towards the overall costs	Social Wellbeing	\$ 373,544.00	\$ 20,000.00
19	Youthline Otago Inc	Youthline Otago Inc	Youthline Otago Counselling Service	A contribution towards the wages of the Counselling Coordinator	Social Wellbeing	\$ 193,252.00	\$ 47,562.00
					Total Costs of All Applicants	\$ 41,922,219	
					Total Requested		\$ 544,342.00
					Total Available for Allocation		\$ 231,550.00

Appendix Two.

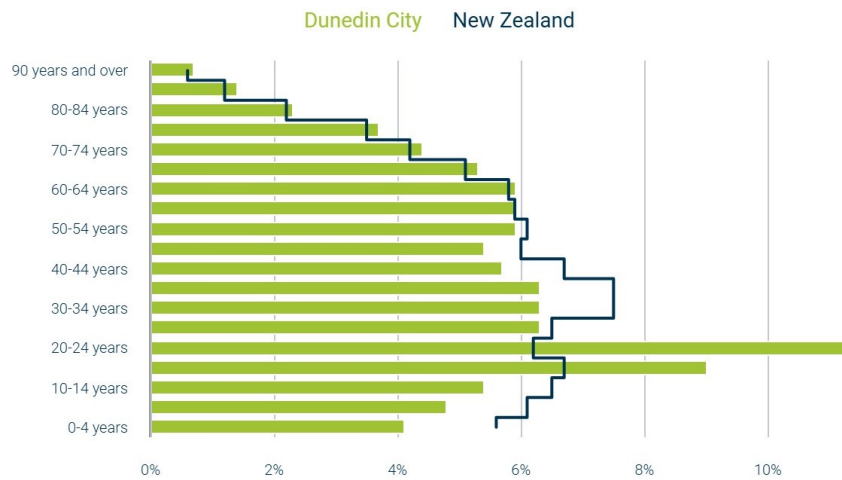


Figure 1: Dunedin City Population by 5-year age group, 2025 compared to New Zealand. Infometrics.

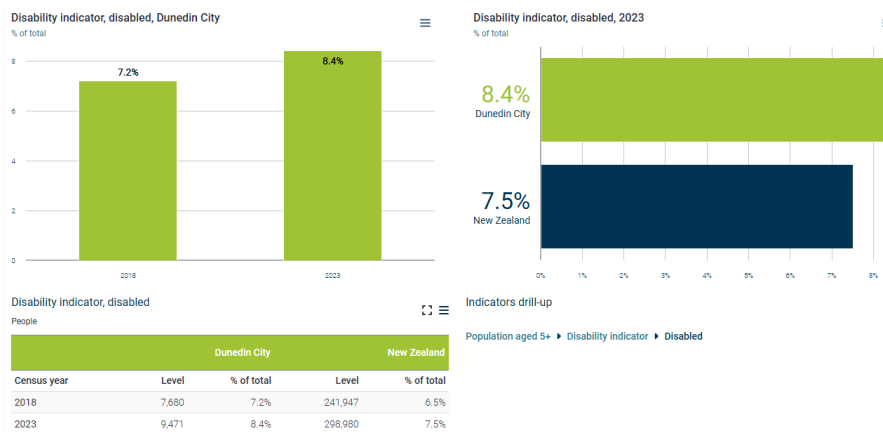


Figure 2: Dunedin City Disability Indicator, 2023 Census data compared to New Zealand. Infometrics.

Appendix Two.

Ethnicity, Dunedin City

Census usually resident population, % of total

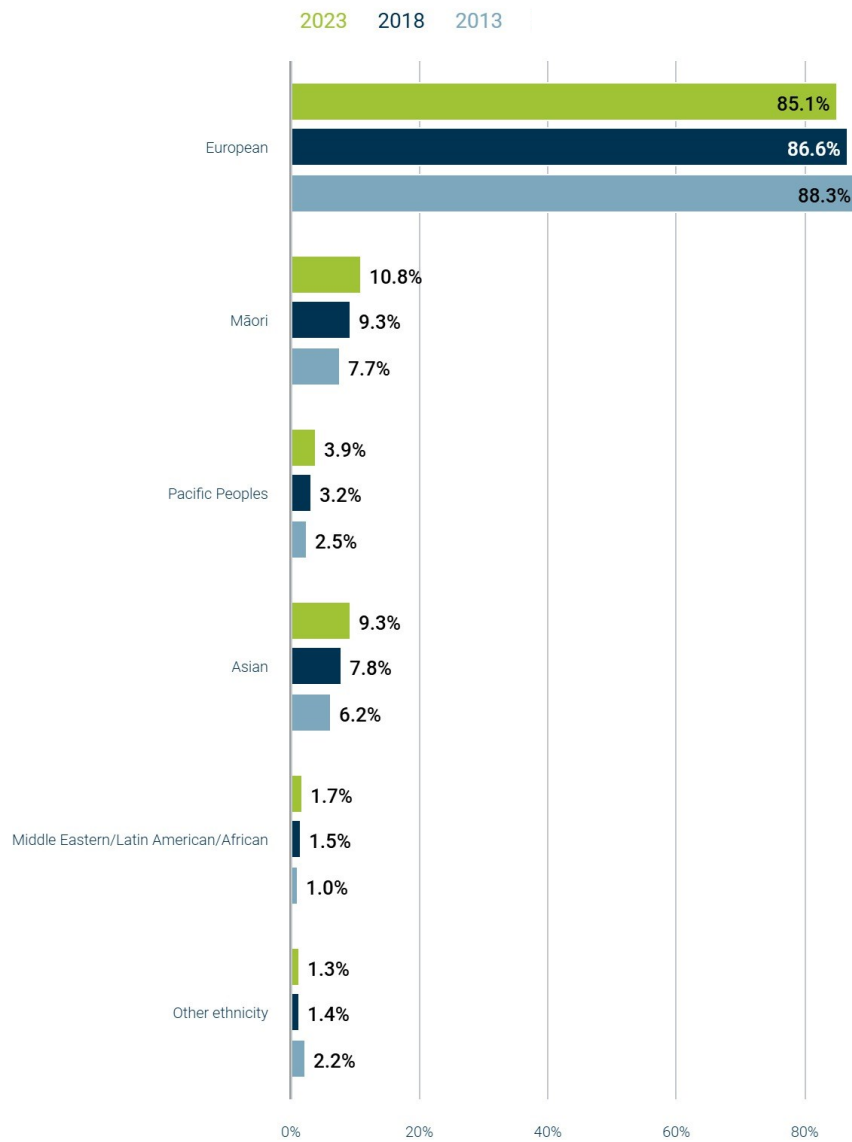


Figure 3: Dunedin City Percentage of Population that Identify with each ethnic group, 2013-2023. Statistics New Zealand.

Appendix Two.

Census year	Severe housing deprivation estimate		Severely housing deprived (homeless)		Uninhabitable housing		Without shelter		Temporary accommodation	
	Ethnicity	Total - ethnicity	Māori	Total - ethnicity	Māori	Total - ethnicity	Māori	Total - ethnicity	Māori	
2018		1,839	240	1,185	153	48	3	216	24	
2023		2,235	351	1,260	207	90	15	375	54	

Figure 4: Dunedin City Severe Housing Deprivation Estimate and Ethnicity for the Census – Population Count, 2018 and 2023 Censuses. Statistics New Zealand.

Unemployment rate, 2025

% of workforce unemployed, year to March 2025

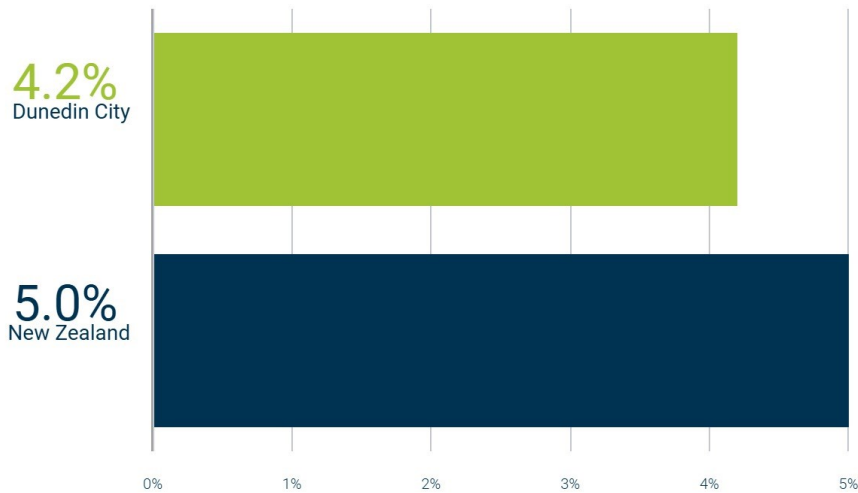


Figure 5: Dunedin City Unemployment Rate, 2025 compared to New Zealand. Infometrics.

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Employment growth

Annual % change, March years

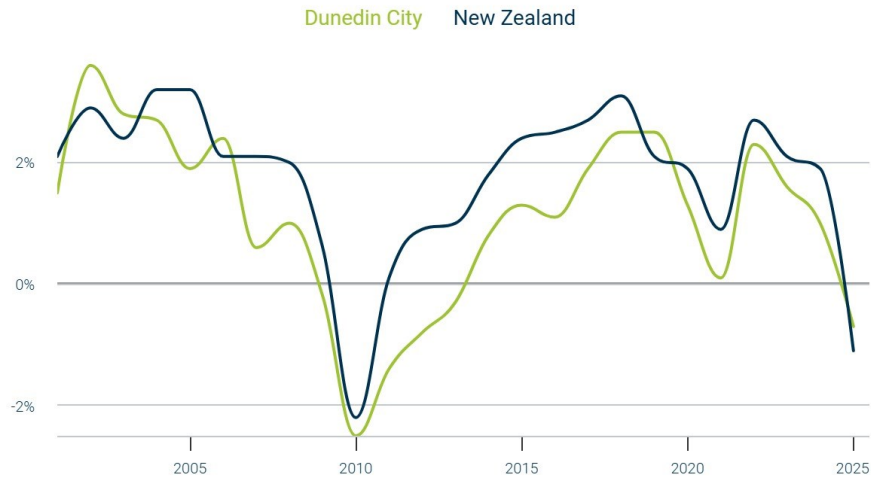


Figure 6: Dunedin City Employment growth, 2025 compared to New Zealand. Infometrics.

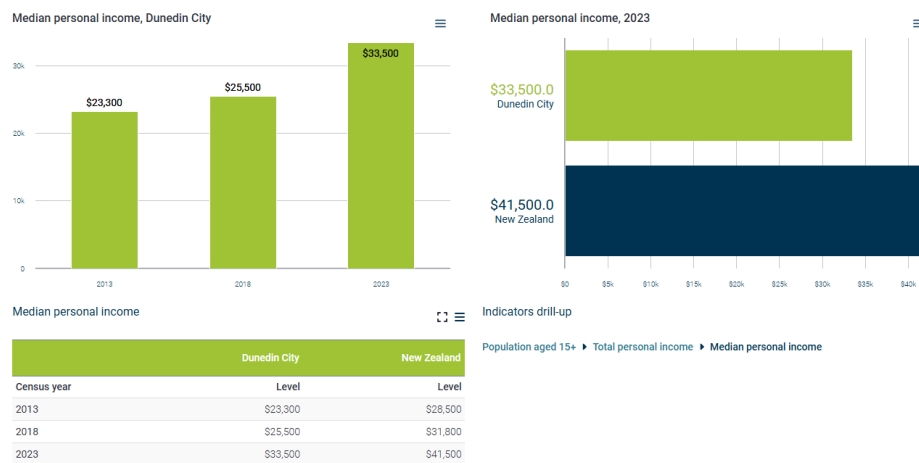


Figure 7: Dunedin City Median Personal Income, 2023 compared to New Zealand. Infometrics.

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(CEN23_GEN_002) Gender	(99) Total - gender	(1) Male / Tāne	(2) Female / Wahine	(3) Another gender / He
(CEN23_TOI_003) Total personal income				
(99) Total - total personal income	109,842	51,963	57,078	801
(1) \$10,000 or less	19,368	8,037	11,067	264
(2) \$10,001-\$20,000	14,961	6,486	8,304	171
(3) \$20,001-\$30,000	17,229	7,092	10,026	108
(4) \$30,001-\$50,000	18,054	7,674	10,254	123
(5) \$50,001-\$70,000	17,016	8,553	8,379	87
(6) \$70,001-\$100,000	13,386	7,569	5,790	30
(7) \$100,001 or more	9,825	6,552	3,255	18

Figure 8: Dunedin City Total Personal Income by Gender, 2023. Statistics New Zealand.

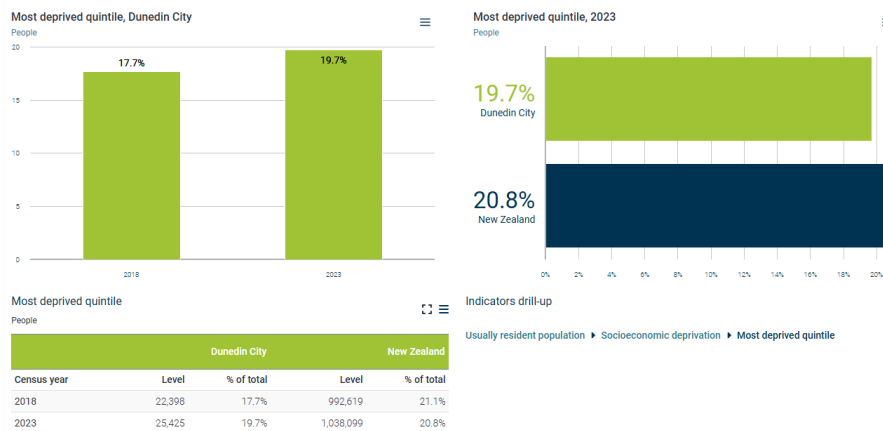


Figure 9: Dunedin City Socioeconomic Deprivation, Most Deprived Quintile, 2023 compared to New Zealand. Infometrics.

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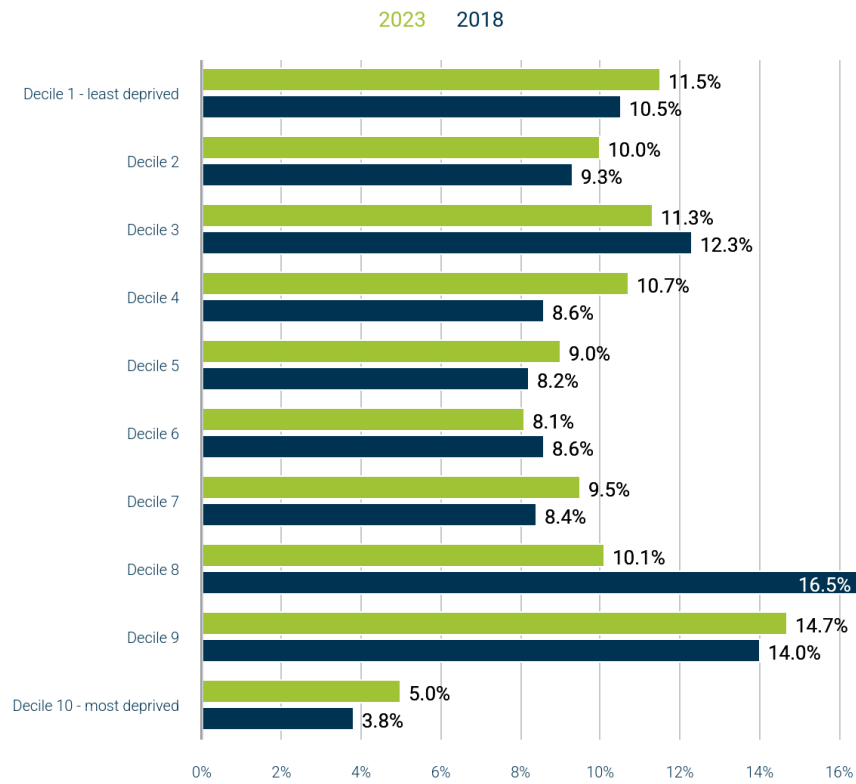


Figure 10: Dunedin City Socioeconomic Deprivation, 2018 compared to 2023. Infometrics.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the Subcommittee:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Reason for Confidentiality
C1 Major Community and Premier Grants Report	S7(2)(h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	S48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above after each item.